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OFF THE STREETS 'Big-city drugs dealers' jailed







Anthony Hayes, Byron Facey Gordon and Keiran Carolan.

'BREAKFAST is served' - this was the following a separate police investigation. brazen text message sent to hundreds by a London drug dealer before instructing a boy from Barry, age 14, to deliver his

A Chief Inspector has warned that residents across the Vale and Bridgend should be on high alert following recent convictions of drug dealers from outside the area.

On Monday, February 5, two men – Kieran Carolan (18), from Birmingham and Anthony Hayes (61), from Bridgend - were jailed for three-and-ayears at Cardiff Crown Court for possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply

They were arrested having sold crack and heroin from a flat on Coity Road, Bridgend.

Carolan was part of an organised crime group from Birmingham, cashing in on Bridgend's drug addicts. He was allowed by Anthony Hayes, himself a drug user, to use his flat as a base, on the condition

at Cardiff Crown Court after pleading guilty to addicts possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply

He used a 14-year-old boy from Barry to deliver crack cocaine and heroin to his customers in the town. The boy's mum rang police when she noticed her young son with cash, wearing expensive new trainers and riding a new bike, having sometimes not been seen for days on end.

These concerning cases bear the hallmarks of what police across the UK call a County Lines drugs operation. County Lines is the name given to the telephone numbers used to manage provincial drugs markets by crime gangs in big cities such as London, Manchester and Birmingham – their operations are usually characterised by the exploitation of vulnerable people to sell drugs in other cities, towns and villages.
Chief Inspector Lisa Gore, said: "Recent

convictions should be a wake-up call for everyone. Gangs from outside are trying to infiltrate our communities and they are targeting vulnerable and desperate people to establish strong local bases for

that he received two bags of heroin for free and £20 their drugs operations.
in cash every week.
Weeks previously, on December 27, 2017, Byron things that they can't afford themselves, such as Facey Gordon (36), from the Lambeth area of trainers, bikes, or gaming consoles, or offer things London, was jailed for five years and eight months that people desperately need, such as drugs to drug

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'We will fight on' says DIAG group

It's all about THE CHILDREN

THE group which has campaigned against the Biomass UK No 2 Ltd plant at to the consultation which have not been adequately considered. DIAG has done so on numerous Barry docks pledged to fight on after Natural Resources Wales granted the company an environmental licence, writes Tim Chapman.

NRW announced its decision to grant the permit

on Wednesday, February 7.

Last Friday, Biomass UK No 2 Ltd, told The GEM that commissioning of the plant would start this week.

A spokesman for the company explained: "Now that the environmental permit has been issued,

commissioning will start on February 12.
"The commissioning process is to test all equipment before the plant can start generating

"It will take up to four months to complete this igorous testing during the day time."

A Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG)

spokesman said the town felt let down: "The residents of Barry and the Vale are shocked to learn of NRW's decision to grant the Barry incinerator a

permit to operate.

"More than 10,000 Barrians signed a petition against the incinerator.

"All of them have been ignored. Barry Town Council, the Vale Council, local Assembly Members Jane Hutt and Andrew RT Davies, as well as MP Alun Cairns, have all expressed their opposition to this permit being granted.

"They have been powerless to stop it against the wer of the Welsh Labour Government.
"DIAG calls on the Welsh Government to

intervene right now and suspend the permit until all planning conditions are met and suitable monitoring

is in place.

"DIAG disputes that NRW has adequately

scrutinised the permit application; we dispute that the public have been adequately consulted. "With substantial planning conditions still not finalised and with the health of tens of thousands of local children and residents is at stake, these issues

cocasions only to discover that important points have been ignored in the rush to grant this permit.

"And to add insult to injury, it seems that NRW care more about a few trees in the Roath area of Cardiff, than they do about the health of 55,000 residents.

'NRW have gone to far greater lengths to consider and protect the wellbeing of the Roath trees than they did for the residents of Barry. This is totally unacceptable."

The spokesman added: "This is by no means the end of the line – the people of the Barry will not accept this discrimination any longer. Biomass UK No.2 Ltd picked the wrong town to put this incinerator!

NRW said Biomass UK No 2 Ltd had demonstrated that it could meet all the necessary requirements of UK, Welsh and European law, so it

had no defensible grounds to refuse the permit.

A spokesperson said: "We believe that public consultations on permit applications of this type are an important part of the process and, in this instance, we ran four separate consultations over a period of more than a year, lasting for a total of 29 weeks.

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My thanks to Barry's dog walkers

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7, I set off
on my usual
early morning dog
walk from Barry
Island heading
across the Old
Harbour to Cold

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Knap.
In the pitch black on the promenade, I suddenly discovered I only had two dogs instead of three, so began to search around without much success.

Making my way back to the Island, I mentioned to every person I passed that my Jack Russell terrier, Bronte, who is 13 and should know better, was lost.

She has been a riproarer all her life, getting herself into all kinds of trouble, so I knew she would cope, but my concern was that the more agitated she got, she might run on the road and cause an accident or worse, be killed.

I need not have worried, because the Barry Island dog walking community

heard that

NRW has

decided to grant the

permit to operate.

incinerator a

my immediate

thought was that

those of us living in

Barry will be very

disappointed with

their decision.

I have no doubt

whatsoever that when

we all fully review the

way the in which NRW

has come to its decision

disappointed with NRW

we will be even mo

became involved. This band of lovely people who have a great love and respect, not only for the spectacular sandy beaches that Barry is known for, but also a high regard for other people's pets.

night regard to their people's pets.
Soon, people were setting off in all directions, keeping their eyes peeled and I received many sightings ranging from the Old Harbour to the promenade, to Friar's Point and Jackson's Bay, where Bronte had been spotted but could not be caught.

After an hour and a quarter of going back and forth, I was becoming increasingly worried and then – lo and behold – one tired mutt on the end of a lead was returned to me by a very kind gentleman called Rob.

I have managed to give my personal thanks to many of those kind dog owners who got involved, but to those I haven't managed to catch up with, thank you so much for giving up your time and for caring.

Joy Strangward, Barry.

It is a sad day for

know that the views of

55,000 people in Barry,

the Barry Town Council, the Vale Council, the

Secretary of State for

Assembly Member, the

majority of the Senedd

and many others can be

what seems to have been

If this was the right

NRW too frightened to

over the last month to

discuss their decision?

Dennis Clarke, Barry.

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Wales, our own

democracy when we

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Incinerator 'putting profit before people'

N the early stages of the application for a permit for the incinerator, the applicant disclosed a projection of the 18th worst example (known as a plume) of pollution landing on part of Barry from its stack.

This showed a concentration of pollution at the Buttrills, then north west across the hospital, Welsh school and boys' comprehensive school. Natural Resources Wales and their officers are happy with that

DIAG tried to obtain the 17 worse examples and were told by an NRW officer that they would provide them. We are still waiting. NRW decided to carry out its own air quality analysis. They will not show what this proves.

There seems to be a rush to allow this incinerator to operate. If the science was good, you would think we would be swamped with data to prove the case.

case.

The reality is that our government wants to keep

all this information from the people. The problem for the Welsh Government is that the information is likely to demonstrate that worse plumes might take place, polluting air across densely populated areas including schools and affecting those with chest complaints. More worrying is how it will affect the young with developing lungs.

If the Welsh Government had any real interest in the health of people in Barry they would have wanted to have all the information to pass on to Public Health Wales (PHW) so they could give informed advice on the way residents, workers and visitors to Barry might be affected by the incinerator.

That advice might have ensured the environmental permit was not granted due to the impact on our health.

Best practice should be to listen to the mounting

Best practice should be to listen to the mounting evidence world wide of damage to public health and safety, and apply the 'precautionary principle' and put people before profit.

Paul Robertson, Barry

The time has come to act on incinerator'

ANY people in Barry have said that the incinerator has always been a done deal.

However, over the last year, Biomass UK No 2 released reams and reams of confusing documentation; NRW refused to make that information any more legible and agencies struggled to scrutinise it in any meaningful way.

Barry townspeople have been proving why the incinerator is not a done deal. We have demonstrated in unprecedented numbers and turned up the political pressure.

We have picked apart the documentation and found its many weaknesses. We have drawn the licensing process out by 12 months.

Now it is time for a new period of action, not focused on faceless bureaucrats this time, but people accountable to us. It is time for people to contact their councillors demanding that:

1. They instruct their planning officers to issue a Stop Order to any 'testing' done on site as planning conditions have not been discharged.

 An Environmental Impact Assessment is done in conjunction with outstanding planning issues at the site. An EIA is needed prior to final operating consent.

Many prospective councillors were vocal about their anti-incinerator credentials at election time. Their time has come to act.

Anna Beardsley,

Anna Beardsley, Barry.

'Impartial investigation' needs to look at biomass process

SUGGEST that the process leading to the granting of the biomass licence in Barry needs to be examined very closely.

No company would proceed with full construction of its plant, even as consultations were supposedly going on, unless it knew as a certainty that it would be able to operate.

It is hard not to believe that the people of Barry

have been subjected to a sham consultation. It is hard not to believe that the concerned authorities had already agreed the licence would be granted from the word go.

An impartial external investigation is absolutely necessary into NRW and related authorities if we are to have any future faith in their decisions.

Marc Delaney, Barry.

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Biomass plant 'not a monster'

HAVE worked on many biomass projects throughout the UK, so it is with interest that I have read the objections to the Barry incinerator.

May I point out that it is a gasifier, and its fuel is wood waste, not wood chip (as in kitchen units) or plastic, or household waste.

It does not incinerate the wood, but heats it to a temperature in excess of 700°C. The result is a gas called syngas, which is used to fire a boiler and produce superheated steam, which in turn drives a turbine generator to produce electricity.

The high temperatures involved with heating the wood removes pollutants, such as chloride and potassium, leaving the remaining emissions to be cleaned and monitored 24/7.

The ash/slag left over from the process is transferred to holding silos and then removed from site by lorry to be used in other industries.

This system is much cleaner and more efficient than burning the fuel directly.

Although I think the plant could be adapted (at great cost and time) to burn biodegradable waste, I doubt if it would be granted a permit, due to smell and pest infection.

I don't recall ever seeing a letter of protest for Aberthaw, even though it has emitted twice the legal amounts of toxic nitrogen oxide and with a prevailing wind that blows these gases directly over Barry, Bristol, etc.

Dow Corning seems to get bigger by the week; not a murmur of protest, the gas fired power station on the industrial complex off the Sully road – nothing.

How many people in Barry own woodburning stoves, run cars, vans, have gas/oil central heating?

All pollute.

Our local MP and AM seem to be chasing the populist vote by supporting the protest. I would have thought they would have been advised as to how the project works, and understood that it is not the monster some people make it out to be.

Name and address supplied.

Artistic event to oppose incinerator

S there anyone out there who may have ideas that they could bring to life as part of a visual/artistic, but fun, event to highlight our concerns?

If so, come to a meeting on Saturday, February 24 at 11am in the upstairs room at the Park Hotel, Park

Crescent, CF62 6HE to discuss plans for a potential visual and artistic community event.

If anyone can't make the meeting but is interested in finding out more, email me on laura.communitymusic@ gmail.com and I will attempt to keep you in the 'loop'.

Laura Bradshaw, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL FEBRUARY 22)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

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Big-city drugs gangs are here' warns chief inspector

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They'll use these people to run their drugs from street to street to create a thriving local businesses with strong local connections.

Byron Facey Gordon was apprehended on November 29 during the arrest phase of an operation which began months earlier. Officers identified him as the owner of a mobile phone number which featured repeatedly in police enquiries.

He would send out blanket

text messages to hundreds of drug addicts offering crack cocaine and heroin and – as if running a local café – he'd announce that 'breakfast is served' and introduce 'lunch time', 'two for one' and 'happy hour' offers to entice orders.

He would use a 14-year-old local boy who he befriended to deliver his drugs and fulfil all of those orders, many times a day.

Chief Inspector Lisa Gore, added: "The additional threat to communities is the impact that these gangs can have if they take hold. Not only do they exploit people, but they also run their business with ruthless violence often inflicted with weapons

"In places such as Barry and

Bridgend where knife crime and such violence is so rare, it threatens to disrupt the stability of the area which can have disastrous consequences.

"Our number one priority is to protect vulnerable people and this includes the children and the vulnerable adults who are ruthlessly exploited by these gangs to do their dirty work.

"Someone may be vulnerable to exploitation by organised crime groups for a number of reasons, but invariably there is a imbalance. Factors include age, gender, cognitive ability, or social isolation."

She added: "We will continue She added: "We will continue to work with our partners to tackle this problem and to prevent what is a very real threat from taking hold, but communities are our eyes and ears and they must shoulder some responsibility.

"We rely on the public to report suspicious behaviour and to act on their instincts, just as the 14-year-old boy's mum did in the example we've given."

Vale MP Alun Cairns added:

"I want to pay tribute to South Wales Police for their unfaltering effort in tackling the sale of drugs. This is a first class example of where the police have been proactive in keeping the community safe.

"Late last year, I joined local police officers for a night shift in Following experience, my already deep-rooted respect and gratitude to the police for their work was heightened further still, as I cannot overstate how hard they work to protect us.

"The sale and abuse of drugs are crimes which devastate the lives of too many individuals and their families in Barry and in the wider Vale.

"I have been in touch with the Home Office to seek advice on how best I, in my role, can support the local police force as they undertake the task of stamping down on drug dealing in the Vale of Glamorgan."

Anybody who suspects drug dealing in their community is contact immediately or they can contact Crimestoppers free anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Anybody concerned about drug abuse can contact the free and confidential Dan 24/7 Helpline 0808 8082234, visit www.dan247.org.uk/ or DAN to 81066.

Green light for 215 new houses in Dinas Powys

be built in Dinas Powys after the Vale they stressed their opposition to new housing planning committee gave the application the green light last Thursday, February 8.

The new homes will be built on the old St Cyres School site in the village.

Local people had expressed concerns that a new estate would generate even more congestion in a village that has seen traffic delays for more than 20

Plaid community councillor Richard Grigg, who gave evidence to the planning committee, said after the meeting that it was a bad day for Dinas Powys.

"It was inconceivable that the committee could not realise that the extra traffic would have a nuge impact on the community.

What was shocking was the cynical attitude of received a response from the Conservatives

TWO hundred and fifteen new houses will the Tory councillors. During the election last May without proper roads or better public transport.

"Their leaflets said 'Conservatives will prevent development without infrastructure'.

"This was the biggest planning application for a generation and the Conservatives led residents up the garden path. His colleague Cllr Chris Franks said: "Plaid had

warned of serious problems when the Conservatives approved the Local Development Plan.

"The Conservative plan allowed for more development but failed to include a bypass or to

"Also, none of the money from the sale of the land is earmarked for Dinas Powys."

At the time of going to press, The GEM had not

Suspended sentence for cannabis offences

A FORMER cannabis user who has thefts and offering to supply drugs "turned his back" on drugs, was given his liberty when he appeared at Cardiff convicted of causing actual bodily harm and had Crown Court.

Luke Hurst was told by Recorder Catherine Brown that he was being given a chance, and it was

hoped he would not disappoint the court. Hurst (31) of Islwyn Way, Barry, admitted

possessing cannabis with intent to supply.

He was jailed for 16 months, suspended for two years and ordered to carry out 150 hours unpaid ork and pay a court surcharge of £140.

Prosecutor Nicholas Gareth Jones said that on June 29, 2016, police went to a room in a hotel in Barry where Hurst had been staying. "Sen

They carried out a search and in a white tub, found a total of 180 grammes of cannabis plus scales. They also discovered mobile phones, on which were various messages indicating persons through they or being offered during the scales. trying to buy, or being offered, drugs.

The court heard that Hurst had convictions for 57 offences, including producing cannabis, possessing "Yocannabis with intent to supply, driving offences, drugs."

Since the offence before the court, Hurst had been

eceived a sentence of two years.

His counsel, David Pinnell, said the long delay

was caused because the police waited until he was released from prison.

"He committed the offence for financial gain, because he had serious issues with cannabis misuse. Since then, he has moved on and a prison sentence meant he turned his back on drugs.

"On his release, he obtained a job in Bristol and in all respects he has done all that he can to turn his life

"Sending him into custody would be a backward

But, she said, Hurst had managed to keep clear of a lifestyle involving taking drugs

"You can, if you wish to, live a life not blighted by Tony Sicluna

Team effort for charity from young rugby squad



Barry Mini Bombers with Vale AM Jane Hutt, who sponsored the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal launch. Photograph by Patrick Olner

A CHILDREN'S rugby team were good support on the day from customers and staff in presented with an award at the Senedd for their outstanding charity work, after one of its players was supported by a terminal illness charity.

The Barry RFC under-12 Mini Bombers were presented with the 'South East Wales Fundraiser of the Year' award at Marie Curie's annual Great Daffodil Appeal launch at the Senedd last week.

The team took on a sponsored cycle at their local Tesco in aid of Marie Curie. The idea was the brainchild of team coach Christian Prosser and raised an incredible £12.435.20.

"One of the boys on the team, Lewis, was being supported by Marie Curie as his dad, John was receiving care at the Cardiff and Vale Hospice," said Christian

"The team worked together on the day and gained great support from the community."

The team travelled a distance of 266km, with Lewis going the furthest distance on the day.

were going through at the time, because they raise money every year for charity. "I was so honoured that we were asked, it means

he store," said Christian.

Emma Dungey, mum to Lewis, Amy and Lucy, whose husband John died at the hospice in June,

"I was approached by Chris, as he knew what we

said: "Marie Curie did so much for us

so much.

She said she was pleased to have seen some of the nurses who cared for John at the Senedd event.

The team is set to continue in its fundraising efforts for the charity and are working on plans for the next event.

Hannah Leckie, community fundraiser for Cardiff and the Vale, said: "We are so grateful for the wonderful fundraising efforts made by Barry RFC Mini Bombers.

"Without teams like theirs we wouldn't be able to provide the expert care and support that John "Everyone was spurring them on, and they had received here at the Cardiff and Vale Hospice."

Accessible defibrillator at Barry West End Club

Welsh Hearts for a free defibrillator (or life AED) has been successful at Barry's West End Club.

It will be located outside the club in a secure weatherproof, heated cabinet, which will make the AED accessible to anyone at any time, not just when

training for anyone interested in learning how to use cash donations.

A RECENT application to the charity an AED, carry out CPR or perhaps save somebody's

The club needs to raise around £750 to purchase the cabinet before the AED can be installed.

Barry West End Club has raised around a third of

the amount required, but is seeking prize donations

for a raffle draw to raise the total amount.

Local business are urged to lend their support and the business is open.

Welsh Hearts will be organising free first aid there is a collection box on the bar in the club for JH

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Catherine Hartland states: 'I am very proud of the team we have here at Newbolds. I believe the awards give credence to the fact that you do not have to work in a large city, with prestigious offices (charging the high fees that go with that), to offer clients the very best service. Having a branch in Barry and being local to the Vale makes me especially proud of our achievements'.

The Barry office is based at 110 High Street and you can call their offices on 01446 700693. Their web site is being relaunched in March 2018 and its aim will be to make clients' lives easier to navigate and provide regular legal updates.

ALL TO STAMP O ANTI-SOCIAL DRIV

A BARRY councillor has speeds are Cardiff Road, Ffordd Y Mileniwm, Colcot Road and Palmerston Road. complaints? about speeding in the town.

Cllr Leighton Rowlands told The GEM that he had received so many, he had highlighted the issue with the Chief Constable of South Wales.

He told The GEM: "Speeding

drivers in the town is paramount

- this should not be jeopardised by a handful of careless Wales Police to stamp out drivers."

speculing issues in their areas.

"I will be working with fellow councillors and South Wales Police to stamp out antisocial driving in order to

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Coun Rowlands explained: "I was contacted by Barry residents regarding this matter after PSCO Adam Roberts and I conducted a speeding survey on Lakin Drive (featured in The GEM).

"We recorded two speeding through Barry and dangerous drivers in less than half an hour. driving is a problem which following the survey, nearly a needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. matter of urgency. touch with me to flag
"The safety of residents and speeding issues in their areas.

drivers." antisocial driving, in order to Among the roads residents preserve the safety that Barry have flagged up for excessive residents deserve."

Range of Savings Accounts - 1 February 2018

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Cllr Leighton Rowlands has been in touch with the Chief Constable of South Wales after residents contacted him about speeding motorists in the town.

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Barry Town Council committee awarded for Fairtrade efforts

BARRY Council's Fairtrade Advisory Committee were honoured for their Fairtrade campaign efforts at the recent Awards held at the National Museum Cardiff.

The group were the overall winners of the Campaigns category for their hard work campaigning against Sainsbury's decision to ditch the Fairtrade mark in favour of their own Fairly Traded branding.

The Committee put together a major social media campaign and organised a peaceful protest
Sainsbury's Barry to their disappointment at the

decision. Fairtrade The Advisory Committee Advisory Commutee Chairman said: "This has future meeting of the been a very busy few fairtrade Committee, months for the committee and we are very pleased that Hub Development Officer have Committee and we are Council's Community very pleased that Hub Cymru Africa have recognised that work, which has included the 'Don't Ditch Fairtrade' information.

Council's Community Council's Community of Council's Council's Community of Council's Council Co campaign, an exhibition on Fairtrade Gold and Fairtrade footballs.

"Fairtrade is a social movement whose goal is farmers and producers in developing countries are paid a fair wage for their work, that their farming is sustainable and that they are not exploited so that multi-nationals can make a big profit at farmers' expense.

"Our shopping choices can make a big impact, so it is pleasing to see so many supermarkets and coffee shops around Barry using Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar and other

products.
"Unfortunately. Sainsbury's have withdrawn from the international Fair Trade agreement, and we would like to see them come back, to better support producers developing world.

"This year's Fairtrade Fortnight, at the end of



February, is a great time for people to learn more about Fair Trade.

Fairtrade TheCommitteeregularly and are always looking for new and enthusiastic members to join them. If you are interested in attending a information

VALE MAYOR'S **COFFEE MORNING**

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LL THE REACTION. BIOMASS TESTING BE

LAST week's decision by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to grant Biomass UK No 2 Ltd an environmental permit was greeted with fury.

The company said it would begin testing the facility based at Barry docks this week, and insists there is no threat to local health.

NRW had already indicated that it "was minded" grant an environmental licence, but when the official announcement was made it still came as a shock to campaigners.

NRW emphasised its decision related to the environmental permit and not the suitability of the location, which was considered by the Vale Council

It said the company had demonstrated that it could meet all the necessary requirements of UK, Welsh and European law, so it had no defensible grounds to refuse the permit.

The local AM Jane Hutt said the decision was

bitterly disappointing for the people of Barry and

"I am today calling for an 'environmental impact assessment' – I have consistently called for this and the Welsh Government needs to confirm that this will take place.

"I want to pay special tribute to the Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) whose members have worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the threat posed by the incinerator which has been built in the middle of Barry and so close to homes, schools, hospitals and shops.

"The incinerator carries risks of toxic pollution severe fire risk of woodchip storage, flood and storm surge.

"I do not concede that the DIAG campaign is

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over and I will continue to work with its members and to lobby the agencies with whom we have already established a dialogue. I will continue to strongly object to the granting of this permit."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said the Welsh
Government had 'overruled opinion in Barry.
"I'm not only disappointed, but also angry, that
NRW have taken the decision to grant the permit.
"The Welsh Couragnment and bend AM grout h

"The Welsh Government and local AMs must be held to account for this dreadful decision. One of the first things I did when elected as an MP was to give evidence at the planning enquiry against the application for an incinerator, only for this to be overruled by the Welsh Government.

"Now the Welsh Government have overruled the

opinion of Barry residents too.'

Plaid Cymru leader on Barry Town Council, Cllr Shirley Hodges, accused other political parties of shedding 'crocodile tears'

"I am very sad that NRW have agreed the permit, but I'm not surprised given their cavalier and disinterested attitude towards the health and air pollution concerns raised by people who actually

live in Barry.
"Where is democracy when our supposed representatives, Alun Cairns, the Secretary of State for Wales, or former Welsh Government Cabinet

Member Jane Hutt can't stop a decision like this?
"I'm fed up of crocodile tears from senior politicians. In 2015, Conservative and Labour party

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councillors voted for this outrage, with only Plaid Cymru voting against the planning application.

"The Welsh Government, of which Jane Hutt was a Cabinet Member, rejected an environmental impact assessment at that time.

There is still an amendment to that planning application which will be discussed soon by the Vale's planning committee – and another opportunity for the public's voice to be heard. They should come along in numbers to show what they think of this poor decision by NRW."

Barry councillor Vincent Bailey told The GEM: "This is hugely disappointing. We don't want it, we're not confident it's going to be safe, and the way the whole process has been handled is enough

Welsh Labour Government to call this in because public concern is so high, yet it feels as though

"I want to pay tribute to DIAG and the efforts of their supporters who've fought this at every step of the way. The fight isn't over, but it just got a whole

Remembering

the anniversary of the appropriate place in the form of a small wooden ending of the Great War.

As Guardians of the written.

This summer, we will Tynecot re-enact the original Ypres, where so many 'Great Pilgrimage' of 90 with no known grave are years ago, when 11,000 remembered. people including Legion memoris, widows, orphans and veterans – visited the battlefields and graves of their loved ones in France and

Belgium. The event will take place between August 5-9. On August 8, thousands of Legion members will re-tread those footsteps and proudly march their standards through the famous Menin Gate in

The occasion will be a powerful act of Remembrance and will be the Legion's largest membership event ever, bringing the branches and communities together with hundreds of Legion Standards on parade

The Barry branch is taking part in the Great Pilgrimage 90, and their branch standard will be paraded by David Green. Bob Wheatley will lay a wreath at the Menin Gate and the community will be represented and the sacrifice of the fallen from Barry not forgotten.

The Legion is inviting Barry residents whose relatives made the supreme sacrifice to take opportunity to pay tribute to their loved

Over two days, the group will be visiting war cemeteries in France and Belgium and will

to make you lose faith in politics.
"Time and time again we have called on the

we've been ignored.

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THIS year marks take a small token of 100th Remembrance to the cross on which a name and message will be

Nation's Remembrance, Call Bob Wheatley on it is the responsibility of 07914 382977 for more the Royal British Legion information. If relatives to lead the nation in don't know their loved Remembrance, and we ones resting place, it can are marking this be found online at significant anniversary to www.everyoneremember honour the memory of ed.org, if one exists. If it those who sacrificed so can't be found, a cross will be planted at Cemetery,

Royal British Legion

THE next meeting of the Royal British Legion, Barry, will take place on Tuesday, February 20 at 7.30pm in Cadoxton Conservative Club.

The meeting will be an informal get together for members, non-members and volunteers; anyone wanting to join us or just find out more are welcome to come along. Follow us on Facebook, 'Poppy Appeal Barry, Rhoose and Peterston'



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BARRY TOWN COUNCIL Minor Authority Representative Vacancies

Barry Town Council would like to invite interested parties to apply to represent the Council as Minor Authority Representatives on the following School:

Ysgol Sant Curig

The role of Minor Authority Representatives is a voluntary, four year position and the successful candidate would be expected to attend regular meetings and report back to the Council on those meetings. For further information or if you are interested in applying please contact Mrs Angie Price, Deputy Town Clerk on 01446 704923 or email: angieprice@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk. The deadline for applications is Thursday, 19 May 2017.

Angie Norman, Deputy Chief Officer, Barry Town Council, 7 Gladstone Road, Barry CF62 8NA.

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Cadoxton Community Primary's 'successful' Estyn report

A RECENT Estyn Wellbeing and attitudes attitudes review of Cadoxton to learning, care, support learning and guidance and exceptionally strong.

Community in Rarry leadership and guidance and support learning and support learning and support learning are the school is reported as consistently good and as a result, nearly all pupils Primary in Barry management reported that the teaching and learning alternative approaches to delivers experiences and improve the efficiency of through the exciting learning standards were judged as their calculations and minority experiences pupils engage successfully enrich their lives.

that 'good'.
The school has 471 pupils on roll, aged from three to 11, including 65 **enrich their lives.** part-time nursery pupils, Inspectors judged the school as excellent in nearly all pupils'

safe and that they enjoy school.

The teaching across year-6 pupils identify make at least good alternative approaches to progress as they move through the school and a make

support each other's exceptional progress.

learning very effectively.

Nearly all school leaders, staff and pupils were well governors work together behaved, said they felt exceptionally well to exceptionally well to provide pupils and their families with outstanding care, support and guidance, which leads to pupils feeling proud of their achievements and the extensive influence they have on shaping the future direction of the school.

Cabinet Member for Learning and Culture, Cllr Bob Penrose, said: "It is wonderful to read this excellent review of Cadoxton Community

Primary.
"It is encouraging to read of the very positive record of change management and that nearly all pupils in the foundation phase make strong progress in developing their speaking and listening skills.

"It is clear that the head teacher and staff members who have worked hard to create a learning environment that will help the pupils to thrive. Well done to everyone at Cadoxton Community Primary.

DIAG: biomass plant protest will continue

Continued from Page 1.

"We are satisfied that we have provided ample opportunity for people to provide their input as the process has been lengthy and transparent.

"Our experts have thoroughly scrutinised every aspect of the company's application and considered all representations made to us.

We have also accepted advice from other experts outside of the organisation on important issues such as people's health and fire prevention.

"We are confident that the company has all the right plans and processes in place to be able to operate this facility without damaging people's health or the environment.

AM HAILS 'BREAKTHROUGH'

As The GEM was going to press, it was announced that the Future Generations Commissioner, Sophie Hawe, has written to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to ask it to demonstrate how the Well-being of Future Generations Act is being applied during the environmental permitting process.

Vale AM Jane Hutt said that the decision of the Future Generations Commissioner to get ivolved in the Barry Biomass incinerator debate

was a "breakthrough".

Ms Hutt said: "I met with the Future Generations Commission last November to raise my concerns about the proposed environmental permit for the Biomass plant on Barry Docks.

"My representations and the evidence provided by DIAG to the Future Generations Commissioner have had a direct impact alongside other permitting proposal concerns in

New members welcomed by Barry Soroptimists

AT the January meeting, president Jackie thriving club.

Firstly, Pat Hollis, who gained an MA in human resource management and, after holding senior management and consultant roles, formed her own company providing human resource and project management to organisations in the private and public sectors.

Pat, who lives on Barry Island, is a member of Barry Yacht Club, Barry Camera Club, and a volunteer at the Marie Curie shop in Barry.

Next, Diane Brook, also from Barry, who came to Britain from the USA in 1969 where she met her husband, David. Diane studied archaeology at goals."
University College Cardiff and then developed a To career in IT in the NHS.

Before her retirement in 2010, Diane was head of Memory of Soroptimist International information of the all-Wales Screening Services. She Barry and District was pleased to now pursues her long-term interests in archaeology welcome three new members to this and family history, lecturing widely and writing articles for academic and popular journals.

The third new member is Carole Hopkins of Llandough. Before starting a family, Carole had a secretarial career and, when her children started secondary school, she became a carer in nursing and residential homes until her retirement. She continues to visit Morel Court, Penarth as a volunteer and also works in the Penarth Tenovus shop.

President Jackie said: "I am sure these new members, from varying backgrounds, will bring new skills to the club and contribute positively to our

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Miss Jones hits the right notes

Vale the Glamorgan Brass Band, 2017 was a rollercoaster year that saw faces come and go within the band room and although some dips were endured, on a whole the band was

on the up.

March 2017 saw the band return to the contesting arena following an 18-month absence. All of a sudden, an improved atmosphere was established within the band to keep this momentum going throughout the year.

Despite this turning out not to be the case, spirits were not affected due to the influx of many fundraising jobs and events.

As the year rolled on, people continued to come and go, including the return of familiar faces remained resilient and someone to lead the band held firm to keep the banner of the band held aloft.

The banner of the band held aloft. for some, but ultimately the core of the band the band the core of the band someone to lead the band that it would be most live.

an end, so came the three biggest change in the conductors



Jeff James and Alice Jones.

Dave Short, who felt it Jones as the right person welcomed to the band at like to thank Alex Pender the band's AGM on for the many years of playing on a more regular basis, so he left the band here and welcomed to the band at like to thank Alex Pender the band's AGM on for the many years of playing on a more regular however, due to other band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the many years of the band's AGM on for the band's AGM on for

As the summer drew to for the position, we gave rehearsal of 2018.

n end, so came the three established This brings the story

departure of then MD, us before choosing Alice Miss Dave Short, who felt it Jones as the right person

biggest change in the conductors the up to date. Now, after a lengthy search period for band's recent history: the opportunity to work with full month at the helm, a new full time MD.

Mike Prosser.



Alex Fender

Jones

pturn. John state of the band at the first their gratitude to Tony their gratitude to Tony Williams who stood in as for the hard work he has interim MD, during the put into the band and

The band would also welcomed to the band at like to thank Alex Fender wish him luck as he and It is at this time that all his wife move on to

> band's thanks go to Dave Short getting it to where it

Cardiff-Guernsey flights return for this summer



PICTURED: (left to right) Cardiff Airport chief executive officer Debra Barber, Blue Islands chief commercial officer Tom Barrasin, Blue Islands chief executive officer Rob Veron and Cardiff Airport commercial director and director Spencer Birns at the 2017 inaugural flight.

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'Prove that lagoon will give value for money'

ALUN CAIRNS has the First Minister would an offer. called upon Welsh want First Swansea Bay tidal money case that we continue discussions." would seek. lagoon represent value for money.

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP was told in the Commons that Mr Jones had been invited to appear before the the contribution the value for money.

Welsh Government was "The prepared to make Government towards the cost.

would have thought that something that they call

consider suitable for

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recognised.

Minister to respond "Last week, officials Minister to that from my office, the invitation if he wants to Welsh Government and

good to see the project go He said he would like ahead, as would the whole of the UK Government.

Mr Cairns said: "We gave planning to appear before the Welsh Affairs Committee to make the election. We would like case for backing the case for backing the to see progress on it, lagoon and to outline but, clearly, it must be

owards the cost. communicated with the Mr Cairns said: "I UK Government about

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Breast cancer fundraising

A local group in Barry, BCN Romilly, has been active in raising funds for Breast Cancer Now' for research into diagnosis and treatments for breast cancer.

Carwyn Jones to be seen to be doing the Department for Business met to prove that Government in a to prove the investment in a to prove that Government in a to prove that Government in a to prove that the Company of the Carbon of the Carbon

treats.
"Thank you all for helping."

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funding from a housebuilder.

Evenlode PTA has been handed a £1,000 boost from Persimmon Homes East Wales to improve the acoustics in the school hall.

There are approximately 450 pupils and the school has been identified as receiving the some of lowest funding per pupil in Wales.

"We are currently raising funds to the school hall.

Each month, the builder donates up to £2,000 to community groups across south east Wales.

make improvements to the school hall. The donations come as part of At the moment, the acoustics make it Persimmon Homes' hugely successful difficult to use, especially for those Community Champions campaign.

Persimmon welcome more applications for their Community Champions campaign via their $w \ e \ b \ s \ i \ t \ e \ ,$ Vicki Edwards, Chair of Evenlode we b s i t e e PTA, said: "We are extremely grateful www.persimmonhomes.com/charity.

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN LLWYBR (HADLINIO) CYHOEDDUS GWENFÔ Rhif 21&22) (CAU DROS DRO) 2018

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ATODLEN 1

1. Ni fydd unrhyw un yn cerdded ar y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 2 isod.

ATODLEN 2

Gwenfô Llwybr Troed Cyhoeddus Rhif 21, yn cael ei gau rhwng NGR 311,979, 172,479 a 312,061 NGR, 172496. Lleoliad Alt. Llwybr ystod y cau hwn, bydd gwyriad ar gael drwy ffyrdd ystad o fewn yr ystâd tai Grange **Gwenfô Llwybr Troed Cyhoeddus Rhifau 22** yn cael ei gau rhwng NGR 312,182, 172,368 a 312,152 NGR, 172,419 Alt. Lleoliad

Alt. Llwvbr

ystod y cau hwn, bydd gwyriad ar gael drwy ddilyn y Walk Goldsland llwybr troed yn rhedeg yn gyfochrog â'r cau ar ochr arall y ffordd. Rheswm Cynnal diogelwch y cyhoedd yn ystod gwaith adeiladu. O Hanner Nos ddydd sul 18 Chewfror 2018 tan 23.59 ddydd Hvd

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community'.

There will be two categories of the award – adult and youth – and 20,2018.

Successful nominees will be advised on April 20,2018. M. E. Punter contact Cyfarwyddwr Amgylchedd a Thai Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Depo'r Alpau, Gwenfô. sporting, arts, voluntary Julie Hurd on 01446 work or any other area 704921 or via email at that you feel should be juliehurd@barrytowncou CF5 6AA



THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (WENVOE (REALIGNED) PUBLIC FOOTPATH Nos. 21&22) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2018

On the 15th February 2018 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below.

The Order will come into force on 18th February 2018 and will be known as "The Vale of Glamorgan Council Wenvoe (Realigned) Public Footpath Nos 21&22) (Temporary Closure) Order 2018.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 18th February 2018 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall proceed on foot in the locations specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Wenvoe Public Footpath Nos 21, shall be closed between NGR 311979, 172479 and NGR 312061, 172496. Location Alt. Route During this closure a diversion will be available via estate

roads within The Grange housing estate. Location

Wenvoe Public Footpath Nos 22 shall be closed between NGR 312182, 172368 and NGR 312152, 172419 During this closure a diversion will be available by following Alt. Route

the Goldsland Walk footway running parallel to the closure on the opposite side of the road.

To maintain public safety during construction works. Reason From Midnight on Sunday 18th February 2018 until 23.59pm on Sunday 19th August 2018. Duration

Dated this 15th day of February 2018

M. E. Punter, Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps Depot, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



FOOD ON QUIZ SHEETS FOR LOCAL CLUBS

BRACKLA Community Maesteg, Cardiff, Porthcawl and before there was a U3A quiz, hosted on this which was worship punk agency occasion by Bridgend U3A. (4,5,4,4)*

Nine teams of six took part, Rounds on geography, famous drawn from Bridgend, Swansea, people and science followed,

Centre was the venue Cowbridge, with a 25-question refreshment break; this always anagram sheet of different foods seems to be the most popular part to start the contact (on average of a fathic to the contact (on to start the contest (an example of



of this type of event.

The quiz continued with questions on the year 2017, art and literature, and history.

The worthy winners were Maesteg 1, with Maesteg 2 runners-up. There was a close competition for third place, with the Cowbridge U3A team taking

that position by just one point.

In a nice touch, the winning sextet were each awarded a mini trophy, as well as a 'goodie bag' by the hosts.

Many thanks must go to the Many thanks flust go to the event organisers, the quiz master, the scorer and the refreshment providers for a convivial afternoon that was enjoyed by all. ŠPM

*GEM note: king prawn

Rotary Club of Barry president Jill Osborne with the winning intermediate

team of Sara Jones, Megan Leonard and Fflur Bowen.

BARRY ROTARY'S 'YOUTH SPEAKS' COMPETITION

Club Rotary Barry held the first equal? Youths competition Morgannwg, Barry, of their chosen topic.

one of several c ompetitions organised by the specifically Jenny designed to develop students' skills.

Winners in the senior section (14-18 year olds) were the team from Ysgol Gyfun Bro

Morgannwg whose chosen topic was 'Politicians can no longer

Ben Curran, speaker was Rhys Griffiths and the vote of thanks was given by Reces France by Becca Evans.

were also the winners. Their team was chaired speaker was Sara Jones Barry meets weekly in and the vote of thanks Brynhill Golf Club on was given by Fflur Thursdays at 6.30pm.

Bowen. The team's

WHY not come

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North Walk, Barry, at onto:

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Community

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ON Wednesday, chosen topic was '100 January 24, the years after being given of the vote, are women now

In line with national round of the Rotary rules, team speakers had Speaks to answer a question at from the audience to Ysgol Gyfun Bro show their understanding

Rotary movement teacher Angela Burd and Howells, headteacher

Palmerston School.

The president of Barry Rotary Club, thanked Osborne, Rotarian Robin Pitcher who had coordinated the 'Politicians can no longer afford to ignore young voters'. The chairperson was the winning teams every success in the next round

Rotary has 1.2million In the intermediate members (men and section (11-13 year olds), the team from Ysgol form a global network of Gyfun Bro Morgannwg business, professional community and

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PACT meetings in Barry and the Vale

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Gibbonsdown Major Primary School to

'Cuppa with a between 10.30am and Copper' which is March 1.

Aberaeron HUB, held at the Carne Arms,

Dyfan PACT will be quality of life, but are held on Sunday, February unable to attend a



The winning senior team (from left to right) Rhys Griffiths and Benn Curran (Becca Evans not present for the photo).

A foundation donation for Woody's Lodge



Lynette Griffin from Asda Stores presents cheque to Woody's Lodge representative, Keith Taylor.

L Y N E T T E Woody's Lodge said: GRIFFIN from "Thanks to all the Barry customers Asda, announced another foundation donation recently.

Woody's Lodge, based at HMS Cambria at Sully was chosen to take part in the Green Token Giving from October to December 2017. They were placed third in the scheme and received a cheque for £200. Keith Taylor

so many projects." The Asda Foundation helps over £1.2 million a year throughout the UK. Any charity or local

od causes that would like to apply for the scheme should contact Lynette Griffin at the Asda Barry store for

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Brecon Canal and River Usk visited by Vale Ramblers

THERE was quite a chilly start to the Brecon. Sunday walk by Vale Ramblers at the It was Brecon Canal, but the low temperatures weather didn't deter 34 members from turning out to explore the lovely area.

Leader John Moore, now in his 95th year, announced at the start that this would be his last walk as a leader and he has decided that it is time to sit

back, file his OS maps and hang up his compass. However, John's boots will still be in for plenty of use on shorter walks with the group in the future

They set out along the canal and during a coffee stop at Brynich Lock, the group was captivated with the flurry and flutter of the wild birds at the feeders and tables at a nearby house.

From here, they continued to Llanfrynach for Facebook, Flickr and @ValeRamblers on Twitter. lunch and along the banks of the River Usk to

It was a bracing but leisurely walk, in which the weather tested the walkers in a variety of ways with snow and light hail, wind and even some sunshine.

The good company, laughter, chat, exercise and warm clothing resulted in a bunch of joyful ramblers heading for a hostelry in Brecon before heading There is nothing quite like the feel-good factor after an energising and companionable walk with friends

Vale Ramblers wish to thank John for all the walks he led for the group in the past and look forward to his company on many more occasions to

Find details of forthcoming walks on the website



HOSPICE UNVEILS 'QUIET ROOM' AND KNITTED DAFFODIL MURAL

a Penarth hospice following the death of a loved one will have opportunity reflect in privacy, thanks to the opening of a new **quiet room.**The Quiet Room was

officially opened at the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice last week, and will be used her calculate who are by relatives who are visiting the hospice to collect a loved one's death certificate

Claire spiritual care coordinator at the hospice, said the room would allow family members to see nurses who may have cared for who may have cared for their loved one, and also all major faith groups." Placed them onto a Hamber, whose husbands be available for patients, families, volunteers and executive Dr Jane the charity's logo. It was were pleased and staff to use if they require a space for peace, opening, and as well as Quiet Room, alongside a of the project. a space for reflection contemplation.

memory tree will allow to see. families to record Late in 2016, staff personal messages or called on knitters to help

and furnished loved ones



The knitted daffodil mural at the hospice.

peace, opening, and as wen as and launching the quiet room, also unveiled the 'knitted

Late in 2016, staff Penarth. "The room is softly lit them in memory of their

comfortably but also Staff nurse Gwyneth includes literature and Davies took all the patches and

glass plaque made as a "My husband was charitable contribution looked after so

yellow squares donated to us at the hospice," said

create this was not able to anyone who hasn't been attend the unveiling, they before who may be afraid are welcome to come and have a look at it."

before who had be alread of what it involves.

"It's so touching that

placed them onto a Hamber, whose husbands knew they would not see

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wonderful to see something that offers a be so busy," said members also created Gwyneth bright welcome to the ire. bright welcome to the hospice, particularly for

Jenny Wales and Anne so many patients who

the final creation, and so many families too, have been involved in the creation of this daffodil, the symbol of our charity and our work to give the best end of life care possible to people living with a terminal illness."

an Advent calendar raffle throughout December while efforts are always made to get patients involved in seasonal celebrations, such as Valentine's Day and the Six Nations tournament.

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- · dwonic bronchitis
- temporary exacerbation of
- lung cancer
- · squamous cell skin cancer

A closing date for notification of claims has been set by the Court as 23 February 2018.

If you think you or a deceased family member may have been affected and worked in a British Steel coke fuel plant as a coke over worker and wish to consider joining the group, please contact Hugh James or Irwin Mitchell urgently. They will send you further information and assess whether you may be eligible to join the group and claim compensation.

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*The seperate deadline to join the group litigation for bladder cancer only cases is 23 April

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ISA Training is reportedly the largest independent hair and beauty training provider in Wales which is branching out into the sport and fitness sector. The company employs a workforce of 63 and provides training to more than 500 apprentices

Mr Tobutt lives in Cardiff and for the past 15 years has worked for SkillsActive, the Sector Skills Council for Active Leisure, Learning and Wellbeing which encompasses the sport, fitness, hair and beauty industry.

He was national manager for Wales for 12 years before becoming head of home

country development.
"My time with SkillsActive will most definitely help with my work at ISA Training primarily because I have worked directly with employers, providers of education and training and Welsh Government and its agencies," he said.
"I am particularly excited by the new

challenge and hope to have a positive impact on the organisation. My role is to ensure that we continue to be recognised at a government level in both Wales and England as a well-placed organisation that delivers quality." Ms Macdonald, who lives in

Bridgend, is a graduate of Bath Spa University and has worked

for ISA Training since 2006.

During her 12 years with ISA, she has gained a deep knowledge of the company through roles in administration, health and safety. compliance and quality and has shown dedication to developing

in management from the University of Glamorgan while working.
"I am looking forward to working

closely with Shirley and Richard to grow and improve the business and enhance our learners' experience throughout their apprenticeships," she said.



Richard Tobutt and Lucy Macdonald join the board at ISA Training

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Vale Surf Life Saving Club (VLSC) officially began last November and it has already attracted 40 people.

The chairman of the

club, Simon Parker, said it lifesaving services. would provide a warm to welcome

He explained that there welcome those aged six recreation.
"Now that we've got

the club up and running, in regular competitive we are eager to gain some events if they are keen to momentum and boost our test themselves against members from other numbers. mem "Members can take clubs

part in competitions and provide voluntary

"Our current age range lifeguards were keen to more is from 10 to 50, but we

maintain and improve their fitness. VLSC has qualified

Surf

Australia

over."

Members also take part

competitions began in

swimming pools in the Vale, but when summer

approaches it will gather

Jackson's Bay, Whitmore Bay or at Porthcawl. The

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Vale MP says Wales can become an 'economic powerhouse' with south west of England

ALUN CAIRNS says cross-border collaboration between this year on the Severn bridges. south Wales and the south-west of England has the potential to create an powerhouse".

The Welsh Secretary and Vale MP aid in the Commons that more than Newport economic links regions.

He said: "Through our industrial strategy, we want to build on this cross-border collaboration and help create prosperous communities throughout the whole of Wales."

Mr Cairns said Wales will also UK."

He told MPs: "Tolls have been reduced by 20 per cent in the interim "economic and by the end of the year they will be abolished.

"That will be one of the biggest stimuli for the Welsh economy in 350 people had attended the first cross- decades. It will provide the opportunity Severn growth summit in for more and better-paid jobs, and a rt looking to strengthen £100-million boost to the Welsh ic links between the two economy.

"This is an opportunity for the south-west of England and south Wales to come together as an economic powerhouse to provide western side of the opportunities in the Michael Prosser

'Concert was high point in fundraising year'

AFTER special Welsh night music Bridgend and Choir

remember from the volunteers held guests at

very Stewart Community to Rhoose recently, the are pleased to announce their that over £2,000 was raised at this event.

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We would like to decorations, ank the local their delight! thank community for their ongoing support in ongoing to strength with our

Road exciting programme of Hall, future events

The variety in our first year has been unending, ranging from book sales to authors' evenings, Owls 4You Alzheimer's talk.

We plan to continue with an eclectic assortment of events. On a recent morning, our craft group invited members of Scope to make their own Valentine decorations, much to

Easter raffle tickets will be on sale soon, everything we do, and we come into the library to plan to go from strength see the prizes on display. Christine Jakeway

'Closer to Home' raises £1 million

LLANMOOR Homes has helped Tenovus Cancer Care raise £1 million to design, build and equip its third mobile support unit, which will offer treatments to patients outside of the hospital environment as part of its 'Closer to Home' appeal.

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The recognition of the need for viable agricultural sectors and stable supplies of affordable food led the

column by Rachel Saunders of the Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW) Years of 'food security' have led to



Rachel Saunders.

the 1947 Agriculture Act, while on the Continent, the 1957 Treaty of Rome defined objectives of a common European policy. However, the food

security established by the 1947 Agriculture Act and the Commor Agricultural Policy has led to significant complacency regarding the importance of agriculture in Wales and the UK, which has in turn led to increasing reliance on imported foodstuff.

The importance of nurturing and supporting Welsh producers, and thereby protecting and improving domestic food security, must be a priority for any government, especially in light of Brexit

The FUW has long highlighted the importance of food security and how a food security strategy plan would give farmers confidence to develop their businesses, which in turn would support the development of rural areas.

So the next time you pop into your local food shop, spare a thought for the hard working farmers who make sure that food is not a luxury and remember that #FarmingMatters!

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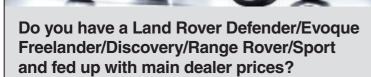
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Porthkerry Lodge supports Amelia Trust

WHEN Amelia Trust approached Farm Porthkerry Lodge's Karl Butler, he was delighted to offer help organising fundraiser in the form of a casino night at Barry Hall Masonic in December.

The night attracted more than 75 local masons and friends of Amelia Farm and with a combination of ticket

with a combination of ticket sales and raffle, raised a magnificent £1,000.

At the farm, the animal enclosures require replacing to keep the livestock safe. The farm offers places to disaffected pupils and through farm work, tries to reintegrate them back into mainstream schooling.

schooling.

has been reduced, so it is important that facilities at the farm continue to attract visitors. A wide range of



Karl Butler and Malcolm Sanchez-Jones.

spokesperson said: "Local authority funding livestock also needs to be fed and looked after all

Co-op funding is on the cards

COMMUNITY groups in the area are set good causes. to share part of a £20 million funding stream from the Co-op.

Following the announcement of the latest beneficiaries of the Co-op's local community fund,

The spokesperson explained how the funding will work: "When a Co-op member buys own-brand products from food stores or a funeral plan or funeral from Funeralcare they earn a five per cent reward for themselves with a further one per cent going to local

beneficiaries of the Co-op's local community fund, reight causes are set to benefit in the area, including Ty Hapus, Cefn Glas Scout Group with Bridgend Explorers and Bridgend Young Carers, with each in line to receive several thousand pounds.

A spokesperson for the group said: "With 40 per cent of all charities surviving on an income of less than £10,000, the Co-op scheme will provide a membership website at www.coop.co.uk/ considerable proportion of funding for many local

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Tessie, contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656
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Hanson's helping hands for Ty Hafan hospice

Contracting has provided materials and path-laying expertise as part of the refurbishment of the memorial garden at Ty Hafan children's hospice in Sully.

Hanson Contracting has been involved in the garden upgrade project alongside Costain/Vinci JV and other key partners. Work enhancing the outside space at the hospice includes extending the memorial garden and creating a new sensory area for children and

their families to enjoy.

The new pathways laid by the team will help link all the outside space and, along with new planting, will provide a richer therapeutic experience for hospice patients.

involved in the project," said Sean Hunter, major projects manager at Hanson



Making a difference at the hospice, members of Hanson's team at Ty Hafan (pictured from left) are: Rikki Moyle; Kevin Moyle; David Lewis; Dale Minty; and Karl Langmead.

are delighted to be family and friends to remember

rauson.

"Ty Hafan is a wonderful charity which provides care and support to life-limited children. The garden provides a place for rom those that use the hospice.

result."

The new memorial garden at Ty water feature for the placement of eature for the placement of personalised memorial pebbles when a child dies.

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and reflect and we are looking forest, outdoor shelters and edible foreward to seeing the finished result." It will feature an enchanted

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A FOND FAREWELL TO RAMBLING PIONEER BARBARA



WALKERS come been founded in the first place. together on losing one of their own Back in 1993, and sadly, this was the case with the recent sudden loss of Barbara

Barbara, along with some of her walking buddies from Cardiff Ramblers, decided to try and form a new Elizabeth Ann Ramblers group to Palmer, without cover Barry, Penarth, whom Penarth and Sully, Wenvoe and **District Ramblers** Dinas Powys. would not have

formed under the title of the Eastern Vale Group, which soon became Penarth and District Ramblers.

Without doubt, a lot of thanks are owed to the Cardiff leaders who readily led walks at the start, as the new group were inexperienced both in the running of a group and in leadership, but that soon changed. Barbara became the

group chairman until 1996 when she became footpath officer, a role which fitted her perfectly as she, the chairman Des Nellins and publicity officer Nick Fogg, were becoming increasingly concerned about the state of the footpaths within the Vale, many of which were totally unwalkable.

Following this, with Barbara's help among others, Valeways was formed, whose object is to promote and protect the public rights of way in the glorious Vale, and she became a trustee

In the same year, she began a series of pathclearing walks with our group, which she called 'fossicking' that often ended with lunch at a

Barbara was something of a private person and preferred to

carry out recces of walks alone, but she was a great lover of walking, which she enjoyed sharing with others and had many spectacular holidays in remote locations because of her interest in history and

archaeology.
Those who have been members since the start will remember the great contribution Barbara made over the years. including weekends away at Aberystwyth and Bala when she took the group up over Snowdon. She also led the

group on a series of planned walks around the whole of the Gower Peninsula and around the long distance Valeways Millennium Heritage Trail, which opened in 2001 and which she helped to compile, along with several map reading and compass trips

Many of us over the years will have joined Barbara on her walks which were not only local, but took in most of the Brecon Beacons National Park, the Carmarthen Fans, Afan Argoed, the Sirhowy Valley, Rhymney Valley, Rhondda Valley Neath Valley, Abercynon, Gnoll Park, Twmbarlwm, Ogmore

Vale, Blackmill, Usk. Avebury, Margam, Rudry and Vaynor, just to name a few of the interesting places she liked to visit.

It is extremely sad to think that Barbara will not be joining the group in celebrating their 25th anniversary in March of this year, which she would have loved.

Our condolences are sent to her family on their sad loss, but this lady who has hung up her boots for the very last time will never be forgotten because of her total commitment to the love of walking

On February 17, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-mile moderate hard walk up over Sugar Loaf Mountain with lunch at the Pantygelli Inn halfway round; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

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Like You, and the unforgettable

Tickets are priced at £10.50 in advance and £12.50 on the

For more information and to buy tickets, contact Memo Arts Centre box office on 01446 738622, or book online by visiting www.memoart scentre.co.uk.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Me after Alpha: Perla's experience

MY name is Perla, I am Mexican, and I was born in the 1960s. I was fortunate that my parents were able to pay me a private university to study laws.

I worked for 12 years at the federal tax office where I became the sub-administrator.

Being native of a country where 99.5 per cent of the population professed the Catholic religion, I was obviously baptized under Catholicism.

Professionally in my work I had much success which was reflected in a very good salary. However, I still remember the

great sadness that used to feel especially every Friday at 6pm when the office was closed. All my family lived in another city eight hours away and I was divorced and

Closing the office and getting to my house was not something I liked to do, loneliness and sadness were

my great company.

Many things happened in my life where I often thought that God had forgotten me, but he did not, he was always there for me as I can see it

God put people and situations in my path that led me to make the great decision to change a successful areer in the hope of finding what I really needed in my life.

I made the decision to move in to a country where everything was different for me. I have been living in the UK now 13 years, happily married with a Welsh man and we have a wonderful son.
Starting a life in a different

country it is not easy; weather, culture, religion, believes, driving, ways of thinking, even the way to dispose of the rubbish is different.

I had to start from scratch to try to rebuild my working life, so I have done cleaning work, waitress, Spanish teacher, dinner lady, even

selling piñatas, crafts, etc. Later, I found a world of

literature on spirituality that led me to a tremendous confusion about where to find the true God, since despite being a Catholic all my life I realised that I had never read a Bible

I believed in God but was lost in a

limbo, in a spiritual nothingness. Then God said: 'Let there be light'; and there was light. Genesis

And that light came in the local newspaper, the beginning of an Alpha course at a place and time accessible to me, I had previously heard about the alpha course but I had never been able to do it because of schedule problems.

This time I had no excuse and I felt that I really had to do it.

It was the best decision I could have made. The welcome could not have been warmer. Everyone was very friendly, and all were there together seeking and sharing questions, knowledge and experiences under the same light of

Who am I after the Alpha course? Alpha brought to my life a reconciliation with God. Alpha was the key that opened my heart and my mind completely to God, in a free and unconditional way.

Alpha was a key to understanding in my heart that we are humans and we are imperfect, that there is no use trying to understand why bad things happen in the world and get into desperation when we can't.

In the last Alpha session, we were invaded by the Holy Spirit, it was a changing experience in my heart and in my life.

God's life came to live in me and in my heart and nothing can change that. I love him and thank him for every moment in my life and I am so

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pleasures at your right hand
Psalm 16:11New International Version (NIV).

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Tribute to the soldiers of The Great War

the final year of the hatred.
World War One A s Centenary, Marv Gardner, chairman of the Penarth Operatic and **Dramatic** (PODS), wants people to support its who fought, and gave their lives, for our country during whom the 1914-1918 war. ~

The company will put on Last Man Standing, at the which has, at its heart, between the issues of friendship, February courage, cowardice, love, and hate.

The play features Edmund, a squire's son and Tom, a worker on the estate, leaving behind the same village

WITH 2018 being grows into obsessional

A single moment of choice on the battlefield leads to disastrous consequences for both

Mary. the Society director, says that she is delighted to be working with such a talented cast tribute to the men especially as it includes a group of young men from Penarth, two of go to comprehensive schools. Last Man Standing is

at the Paget Rooms Wednesday, 28 and Saturday, March 3 at 7.30pm. Tickets can be bought online www.pods-penarth.org or from Griffin Books, 9a Windsor Road, Penarth, girl they both love to go or by calling PODS to war, and in the ticket secretary on 02920 trenches, their rivalry 712260.

Wedding showcase at St Donat's Castle



FOLLOWING the release of St Boutique will also be displaying a Donat's Castle's 2019 wedding selection of wedding cake designs. dates, you are invited to visit on Sunday, February 25 for their Wedding Showcase Day, and entry is free.

Welcomed with a glass of bubbly and a sample of fudge supplied by local confectioner Fwdge, you will be directed to the Bradenstoke Hall boasting all its grandeur – with a little bit of help from some wedding stylists.

Meet a handpicked selection of local

wedding suppliers, each of whom will be styling different tables to demonstrate new wedding trends and styles for 2018 and beyond.

Suppliers include: Gail Armytage Florist, Emma Hall Designs, Pistachio Totally Co-ordinated, Events by Jan out more, visit events.atlantic and Dear Florence. The Vale Cake college.org.

You will have the opportunity to speak with the team at St Donat's Castle as well as their nominated catering partners Town and Country Catering who specialise in fine dining and events, with service levels and menus of the highest standards.

Take in the fresh air as you go on to explore the Tudor gardens and vast landscape that surrounds the 12th century castle, before exploring the Welsh coastline

Don't miss out on this opportunity to visit St Donat's Castle and see it styled fit for a royal wedding.

To contact the events team, call 1446 799027 or email 01446 YOLO Events, Forbesfield, bookings@atlanticcollege.org. To find

What's on and where...

LLANTWIT First Independent ON Wednesday, February 21 at 10.30a councillors will hold a surgery at the the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit the Bridge Cafe car park, Cold Knap. Major on Saturday, February 17 from 9.30am until 11.30am.

Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

be giving a demonstration of various techniques using pastels at Cowbridge Art Society.

There will be no meeting on February 22 because of half term.

However on Thursday, March 1 Rupert Aker will give a demonstration of the use of the palette knife in painting.

The society welcomes artists of any

level, and also non artists who would like to see demonstrations of various art techniques or attend illustrated lectures on art topics.

The group meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm – 9 pm) and visitors and new members are most

For details of the society's programme and activities, collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas

Residents' public meeting COUNCILLORS Vincent Bailey and Leighton Rowlands will hold a Highlight Park residents' meeting to discuss the future of Brynhill Golf Club and how it affects residents.

National Trust

THE next Vale NT Association meeting the door. For more information call 01446 will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 771929. February 21 at The Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge, when Keith Moger will talk about the history of hospitals in south

There are still a few places left on the four-day spring holiday to The Metropole in Llandrindod Wells on April 20, and payment will be due at the meeting for those who have booked and Rachael Bird from Edwards will be in attendance; enquiries to vofgant@gmail.com.

Councillors' surgery Valeways walks
LLANTWIT First Independent
ON Wednesday, February 21 at 10.30am, the Barry Coffee Shop Strollers meet at

Also on February 21 at 2.30pm, the Cowbridge Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the Physic Garden Fountain in Cowbridge. Merch 21, 10yb, Tua'r Mor /Sea Breezes, Gorsaf Reilffordd Llanilltud Fawr.

Art society
ON Thursday, February 15 local artist and experienced tutor Carol Kibble will the way round', starting at The Carne Arms, Learning at The Carne Arms, Learning

Llysworney CF71 7NQ

Care and Repair

IF you are a home owner or private tenant living in the Vale; if you are elderly or disabled and need advice and support on repairs in your home, Care and Repair in Vale can help to adapt and maintain your home, give advice on grants available and on reputable companies to use.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are

holding an information session on Tuesday, February 22 at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12pm. No appointment is needed, just come along; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Big Screen at Cowbridge Town Hall

BIG Screen's next film for this season is Victoria and Abdul (cert PG) on Thursday, February 22 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

Queen Victoria (Dame Judi Dench) strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim (Ali Fazal) who has been brought from British India. While there are some truths in this likeable film, history has been submerged somewhat by the alleged affects residents.

The meeting is on February 16 at 5.30pm submerged somewhat by the alleged to 6.30pm at Highlight Park Community romance in their relationship.

**Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 in

Doors open 7.10pm, tickets £4 in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on

Josephine's Rain

THE drama of the 'Porthcawl hurricane' is to be relived at The Green Room at 5, James Street, Porthcawl (CF36 3BG) on Friday, February 23 at 8pm.

Josephine's Rain is a 30-minute Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, February evocation of a storm that damaged Porthcawl in 1995. Tropical storm Josephine was close to hurricane status, along. Contact 01446 732385 for further sinking boats and destroying part of the information.

seafront. The performance promises a musical and poetic dramatisation of an incident in recent history.

The original Josephine's Rain featured Robert Minhinnick, Peter Morgan and Richard Thomas. This new version is remixed by Peter Morgan, whose images will be shown during the performance. There will also be an open mic for readings and short films. Entrance £4.

Rhoose Cinema

THE team at Rhoose Community Cinema look forward to welcoming old friends and new this month when they begin their spring screening programme.

The cinema at Stewart Road kicks off on Saturday, February 24 with the highly acclaimed and multi-Oscar nominated film Dunkirk (12A).

All tickets £5 on the night, doors open at

6.45pm starting at 7.15pm.

For further information, see Facebook page, Rhoose Community Cinema or contact Jo on 07986 907151.

Coffee morning
A COFFEE morning in aid of Dinas Powys Library Development Fund and a Women's Institute sponsored project in Guatemala will be held on Saturday, February 24. Doors open at 11am; cakes, books, tombola, £3 - all welcome.

Advice on scams

HAVE you been the victim of a scam and want some advice on how to deal with it? Scams are on the increase by phone, mail or the internet.

Why not come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, on Tuesday, February 22 from 10am to 12 noon; no appointment is needed. Contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Epilepsy support

Do you or a relative have epilepsy and

are looking for support and advice?

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The manager, Kayleigh Thomas, has over 10 years' experience and joined the management team in September 2008. She has since gained an NVQ level 5 in management skills and has intensive training in child protection, First Aid and food safety. With a natural love of working with children, Kayleigh prides herself on moving the nursery forward.

Lucinda Finney, the deputy manager, has over 20 years experience of working with children in a

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'Stationery Heaven' at The Pencil Case

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Eastgate is regularly described as 'Stationery Heaven'!

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addicts of all ages!"

Collectors of the don't forget to pick up a collector card!

Top Model colouring and activity books are

half Willow Walk (next door box sets. Go and try it out there to The Yard pizza on their part of the control of to The Yard pizza on their new display, restaurant and Kingfisher The Toy Box was Gallery), it is bursting with toys and games for children from birth through to early teenage

Wonderfully bright and colourful, you'll find wooden toys and trains, of helium balloons. musical instruments, dinosaurs, art and craft activities,

pencils, notebooks, brands and characters colouring books and art that both children and supplies. It is the perfect parents would love: "We asked lots of parents and children what they would Collectors of the like to see at The Toy popular Iwako erasers Box. It was clear that will find a huge selection at The Pencil Case – popular, so we now have a lovely selection of Orchard Toys, Le Toy Van dolls houses, Big Top Model colouring and activity books are perfect for rainy days or to keep children from getting bored when you go out for dinner.

Then you must wander down Eastgate and over the bridge on Penny Lane to The Pencil Case's new citers rebox.

sister shop.

The Toy Box is the endless possibilities. It newest addition to comes in a handy carry newest addition to comes in a handy carry Cowbridge high street, tube of 100 pieces for having only opened in just £5.99, then children October. Located on can progress onto bigger

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THINGS TO DO IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

TRY a trip to Parc Slip Nature Reserve and Visitor Centre, Tondu.
On February 23, 10:30am - 3pm, go wild on the

centre's family Heritage and History trail (self guided

Parc Slip visitor centre is closed on Mondays. For further information on Parc Slip events call Meg on 01656 724100. Admission is free.

On Sunday, February 25, there is a dollhouse and miniatures fair in the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, 10.30am to 3pm.

There is some free car parking at the venue, light refreshments available from the onsite cafe Admission price is £2.50 on the door for adults and 50p for children over 7 years. Varied and interesting

traders attending.
For more information, go to www.mgmfairs.co.uk ON Sunday, February 25, try the Dyffryn Gardens spotter trail.

Discover some of the fascinating plants and animals you can find at Dyffryn Gardens with a

special February half term spotter trail.

Put your detective skills to the test as you follow the clues to each location and write down the letters

you find to spell an important Dyffryn name.

I Spy with my Dyffryn eye...If there is wet weather, it's covered. We have got our popular game of 'I Spy' in Dyffryn House.

This event is free, but normal admission charges

apply for the venue.

For more information, go to https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/dvffrvngardens/features/february-half-term -at-dyffryn-

BARRY BETRAYED!

A message from DIAG (Docks Incinerator Action Group)

NRW (Natural Resources Wales) have given the Barry incinerator a permit to operate

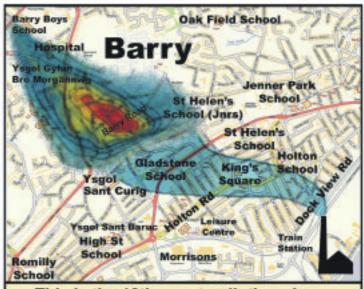
NRW have failed the people of Barry: They have acted contrary to the masses of evidence presented against the incinerator. They refuse to attend a public meeting to explain themselves. Both NRW and Aviva (who own the incinerator) have failed to provide key information to us.

1) Aviva have calculated how badly their incinerator will pollute Barry

But they have only published their forecast for the 18th worst pollution plume (see map - it shows a pollution level toxic enough to trigger an investigation by NRW). DIAG asked to see Aviva's 1st – 17th worst predicted pollution plumes but Aviva and NRW refuse to reveal the full information to the public. Why? What are they keeping from us?

2) By law, the Barry incinerator needs an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment*)

An EIA properly assesses whether a plant is safe and if it should be allowed to operate. But the Barry incinerator never got its EIA. This leaves Barry without the protection WE ARE ENTITLED TO BY LAW! NRW failed to demand that the incinerator had an EIA. Aviva say they will operate the incinerator to the highest standards. This claim is laughable without an EIA in place! Now we must DEMAND that the Vale Council use their powers to secure an EIA.



This is the 18th worst pollution plume forecast to hit Barry. But the 17 worse pollution plumes remain concealed from the public. What are they hiding from us?

3) Fires, Flooding and Emissions: risks ignored by Aviva and NRW

The planning and building of the incinerator was full of errors: It was built under the wrong set of fire risk regulations. It never complied with all the fire safety guidance, but NRW decided not to enforce their rules. Unbelievably, Aviva built the incinerator on a flood plain! A flood could short out the incinerator's electrical systems and leave it burning out of control. Industrial effluent may overload the sewers and discharge into the docks. NRW are permitting the incinerator to release excessive amounts of arsenic and chromium-8 into the environment.** The incinerator is a health hazard for local people, a blight for business & tourism which undermines the whole concept of regenerating the Barry Waterfront.

DIAG continues to fight against the incinerator and to fight for our right to breathe clean air!

Many people say "The incinerator's been built, so it's too late to fight it." THIS IS NOT TRUE. The incinerator's planning, construction and consultation were so full of errors...that there's a whole raft of ways to legally challenge it. We can still stop the incinerator from operating. Join the fight to help us protect Barry from the incinerator's pollution. Write NOW to your local Councillor to DEMAND that Aviva obey the law and are subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment. We MUST press the Vale Council, the Welsh Government and NRW for an EIA to protect Barry.

Please visit www.beautifulbarry.co.uk to see how you can help

^{*}Projects such as this are classed as 'Schedule 1' or 'Schedule 2'. A Schedule 1 project requires an EIA. The incinerator was classed as Schedule 2 by the Valle of Glamorgan Council. However, DIAG strongly believe that this was an error. DIAG say that the tonnage of wood the incinerator will burn means that it should be classed as Schedule 1, making an EIA a legal obligation.

^{**}We understand that for at least the first 12 months of operation, NPW intends to allow the incinenator potentially to release in excess of 600% of the legal limit of chromium-6 into the environment, saying in its air quality document that the situation needs "Further assessment".

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Businesses raise funds for Alzheimer's ward



Ward manager Debbie Brown receives the cheque from Talischa Bates. Also pictured in the Baruc ward cinema club room are Nicola Sanigar, Stacey Ann-Steiner and deputy ward manager, Alex Skinner.

CARERS at Allied Healthcare's Barry agency have raised £219 for the Baruc ward at Barry Hospital, which provides support to those living with Alzheimer's in the local community.

Led by branch coordinator Nicola Tyler and supported by the branch's carers, the event committee met regularly throughout the year to organise fundraising events for local causes.

Branch manager Margaret Codd said: "I was delighted to see these funds go to such a worthy cause, and hope that this contribution will support purchases for the new rooms on the ward."

The committee raised funds by raffling off donated prizes at a staff party. In addition to staff members making donations, the event was also supported by local businesses.

Margaret added: "We wish to thank our staff for their donations, and are also incredibly thankful for generous donations from Tesco, Aldi, Simply Stunning Gifts, Cwtch Coffee, LilyPad Flowers, and the family and friends of staff members."

The cheque was presented on January 15 by Talischa Bates, a care coach who remembers the excellent care that was provided to her late grandfather by the staff on Baruc ward.

Councillors' surgery

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VALE'S MIKE IS MUCH IN DEMAND

Gundog Larki Trainings in the Vale will be criss-crossing Europe this year judging a number of competitions.

Mike, who lives in Ogmore by Sea, has trained a number of gun dog champions over the years and his expertise is in great demand in European countries where they are keen to learn British judging methods. He told The GEM: "In Marsh L will be going to

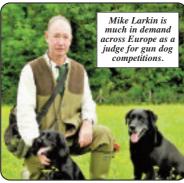
March, I will be going to

March, I will be going to Prague and Switzerland.

In July, I will be judging at the Go South Cup in Munich, and I will be returning there in September

The last time Mike supervised an event in the mountains outside Prague, even in the mountains outside Prague. for the Munich Cup.

"Trips to Finland and Sweden are



people attended from as far away as Poland, Austria and Germany.

Cowbridge need a win at Old **Penarthians**

Following the excitement and disappointment of the Six Nations, it's back to more important Cowbridge

Penarthians this Saturday.

Despite propping up the table with 13 points, Old Pens have had several close defeats this season and will be a tough opposition.

After a hard fought draw at Caerau Ely a few weeks ago, Cowbridge will be looking for a convincing victory to move up to second above Treherbert, who have a tough fixture against

The following week it's back to the Six Nations with Wales travelling to Ireland for what's bound to be a cracking game. Kick off is 2.15pm followed by Scotland v England at 4.45pm.

The Youth are due to play Pontypridd at home on

that day – full details next week.

So plenty to look forward to over the coming weeks. All support is more than welcome at Old Pens and the Club should be buzzing for the Internationals the following weekend.

MANY point-to-point racing enthusiasts in the Vale fuel was added to the fire when someone pointed out that far from hunts held their point-to-points at St Hilary near Cowbridge and where they could view the racing from a natural bank.

In my book Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles Horse Racing in Wales (published by St David's Press at £14.99). I tell about one of the most controversial races that took place there back in 1975 when the Pentyrch Hunt staged an

evening meeting.

Cefn Cribwr farmer Dillwyn Thomas, a legend in hunt-racing circles, ran his homebred *Prince Haven 11* in the maiden race and it was judged to have dead-heated with Mr A Taylor's Swedish bred Quip. However, many racegoers, incuding myself, were of the opinion that Prince Haven 11, partnered by Henry Blake, a best-selling author of books on communicating with horses, had won the race outright, and so did the bookmakers who had started to pay out over him.

from the spot where racegoers watched the races. However, more

will remember the time the Glamorgan and Pentyrch being a maiden – a horse that has yet to win – Quip, an eight-yearold chestnut gelding, had won, among other races, the Danish St Leger as well as six other races on the flat in Scandanavia!

In his previous point-to-point races, Quip had started at odds of 33-1 or more but on this occasion it had been well backed at odds of around 6-1 or 7-1, most unusual seeing as it had failed to finish in its three previous races, twice being pulled-up when tailed off, and once running off the racecourse.

Weatherbys, in their far-sighted vision, ruled that those wins in

candaniva did not render Quip ineligible for maiden events. explaining that a winner of a flat race, or National Hunt flat race, was permitted to run as a 'maiden' in a point-to-point steeplechase.

There was another controversial maiden race at St Hilary the following year, 1976, when a massive gamble was landed at the Glamorgan Hunt fixture and the story is featured in my book.

You can e-mail your racing or point-to-point or horse racing the spot where racegoers watched the races. However, more on 02920736438.

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Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

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BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

results for February 6:

The top three places in the mixed pairs session one were 1. Kay Dyer & ring 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or Denis Mottram 77.62%, 2. Hilary 01446 735592. Laurence & Vivien Liles 61.25%, 3 Mark Roderick & Noelle Bond beginners continue to run on Friday

As always, new members are September.

BARRIVALE Bridge Club welcome at the club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

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Tennis club firsts must play promotion decider

LIANTWIT MAJOR Tennis Chepstow Tennis club at home in a Club's Mixed Doubles first close match 2-2, Llantwit Major won team beat Llantrisant 3-1, and Rhiwbina 2-2 (winning on games) in January. Last holding a 'Bingo and Countdown' weekend, they beat Rhondda night on Friday, February 23 at 7pm in

rennis Club 3-1.

The firsts are now in a position where they could possibly get promoted for the second year in a row, which would be an incredible achievement. They have one more match to play against Rhondda at home on February 17 at 11am; all supporters are welcome!

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The seconds braved rain and 43 mph

winds to battle with Barry two weeks ago, but lost 0-4. They were unlucky again last weekend, losing 0-4 against Cowbridge Tennis Club.

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Barry and District Ladies Skittles League results

commencing Castlebandits 303 Merry Makers 223 February 5: (C.Kerslake 31); Sea (M.Payne 28); Sea View February 5:

Division 1 - Cadoxton Ladies 291 (R.Price & (B.Hillberg 33); LaBells 24).

G.Taylor 31); Space 326 (N.Cordy 36), Division 4 - Guardian Finders 317 (J.Snooks Rhoose Starlights 306 Angels 189 (S.Clarke 33), Red Admiral 331 (G.Drake & A.White 31); 27), Liberals 163 (S.Hayes 35); Colcot Airways Angels 246 (R.Keene & S.Boyd 23); Ladies 230 (K.Taylor & (A.Sales & M.Carpenter Odd Bods 189 (T.Cerian Ledwards 24), Barry 24), Witchill Widows 29), Optimists 242 (S.H.Keene & S.Boyd 23); Liberal 240 (R.Banfield 25).

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 276 (D.Burrows 29);
 (T.Coombes 27), Off the Witches 250 (C.Green Fallen Angels 250 Rails 266 (C.Williams & 26); Witchill Wanders (T.Lawerence 27), Pila Pala's 276 (H.Palfrey 250 (P.Riddick 25), Bimbo's 286 (E.Kenefick Vixens 230 (J.Pedrick 35).
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 Vixens 230 (J.Pedrick 35).

Barry RFC latest news

return to league again failed to find a action this Saturday winner - the jackpot rolls when they travel to ver to £8,750 this Cardiff to play week. Clwb at 2.30pm.

The club lottery failed to find a winner. numbers last week were

RFC, 03, 09, 14 and 17, and

The newly-introduced Rygbi consolation prize of £10 Caerdydd, kick off for forecasting three correct numbers also

Vale of Glamorgan **Bridge Club latest**

results for the Vale
of Glamorgan
Rridge Club:

Monday, February 12:
First, Phil Felman and
Tony Disley 63.99 per

HERE are the latest Debbie Lea 58.93.

Monday, February 5:
First, Glyn Williams and Vida Halford (61.61 per cent); second, John Beard and Liam Sheridan 60.12; third, Dave and



Kayne McLaggon score twice the last time the two sides

KEY GAME FOR BA

RIP TO NEWTOWN I

Barry Town United return to the familiar surroundings Saturday, as Gavin goals scored. Chesterfield's team (2.30pm kick-off).

A win for either side would see them into the driving seat for a place in the European play-offs, with both the Robins and

Town sitting on 30 points at the top of the Play-Off Conference.

weekend, trophies. hed to a 3- While Last Newtown crashed to a 3-2 defeat at Carmarthen Town, ending a run of three wins on the bounce for Chris Hughes' men, who are now only a r whisker ahead of Barry of in the table – a result of

hold a game in hand on their mid Wales rivals.

With manager Chesterfield having the majority of his playing and left with less than a squad available, Barry point. will make the trip in positive spirits, particular is after the nature of their supprecent 3-1 win against rail Aberystwyth Town at repl Jenner Park.

However, the Town have fallen 3-0 to Newtown on both of their previous JD Welsh Premier League visits, Park with Barry fans forced to look as far back as 2002 for themost recent success at Latham Park.

Many will remember the occasion fondly, as Nicky Burke's header from Lee Pratt's cross clinched a 1-0 Barry victory, before the

A case of history repeating itself for

Barry Chess Club

visitors were presented with their sixth of seven Welsh Premier League

remains beyond their grasp at present, the chance to play in Europe again is still a possibility, underlining the underlining the importance of each of the Town's fixtures before Latham Park this their superior number of the current campaign

goals scored. wraps up.
However, the Barry will be looking postponement of Barry's to replicate the sides' first tackle Newtown in trip to Prestatyn (in light clash this season, when the JD Welsh of a waterlogged pitch) leading marksman Kayne Premier League means the Town now McLaggon helped McLaggon helped himself to a brace in a 2-0 win at Jenner Park.

Barry will thus travel In an interesting note, up Powys well-rested. Barry have never scored at Latham Park in the ID Welsh Premier League

Kick-off this Saturday is at 2.30pm, with supporters travelling by rail advised that a replacement bus service will be in operation between Shrewsbury and

Newtown, extended journey times.

Barry return to Jenner
Park on Saturday,
February 24, against
Ulandudno (4.15pm kick-off), while the rearranged game at Prestatyn's Bastion Gardens is set for the Saturday, following

by Ashley Cox.

Barry and District League tables and latest results

Wyndham Cons Rhoose Social 10, West End Runaways 5; Liberals 6, Cadoxton Cons 9.

127, Wyndham Cons SN 122, West End Runaways 1: 121, Rhoose Social 115, Cadoxton Cons 114, Moors Boys 107, West

West End C 5½; Rhoose Rugby B Social A 4½, Rugby Club 2½; Cambrian Flyers 2½, King

Liberals C 2. Cons A 31, Savoy I League table: West Services Social B End D 83.0, Sea View B Rhoose Social B 25. 77.5, West End C 75.0, SNOOKER DIVIS HB Roose Social C 60.0, Harbour A 2, Cadoxton

Moors Boys 6, Social A 56.0, Rhoose Cons A 3; Market Street
Moors Boys 6, Social A 56.0, Rhoose C 2, Rhoose Social C 3;
Vyndham Cons 9; Social B 50.5, Allsorts West End A 2, West End
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and Runaways 5; Liberals C 46.5, B 3; Penarth Cons B 3,
tiberals 6, Cadoxton
Town FC 44.0, Cambrian
Flyers 36.5, *Barries
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**Rhoose Cons A 3; Market Street
**West End A 2, West End A 2,

West End C 4; Savoy B 2, Rhoose Social B End 104. Cadoxton Cons B 2, SKITTLES DIVISION Penarth Cons A 3; 1: Harbour B 5, Wyndham Slammers 0, Sea Cons A 0; Cadoxton View B 7; Allsorts 1½, Cons Z 4, Liberators 1.

League table: Harbour Club 472,
Flyers 2½, King wy....
William XII 4½; Cadoxton Cons b ...,
Liberals A 2, West End West End C 39,
D 5; Rhoosters 5, Liberators 32, Penarth
Liberals C 2.
Cons A 31, Savoy B 30,
Services Social B 29,
Phoose Social B 25. Wyndham Cons A 47, and on Facebook Wyndham Cons A +1, and C... Cadoxton Cons B 45, search for West End C 39, leagues.

CRIB DIVISION 1: Slammers 58.0, Rhoose Cons A 3; Market Street

Market Street B 48, Penarth Cons B 48, Cadoxton Cons A 44. Harbour A 41, Wyndham Cons D 40, Market Street C 39. West End A 35. West End B 35, Sully Sports A 31 (* = points deducted).

All league and cup B 78, Savoy A 61, fixtures and results at Cadoxton Cons Z 48, www.barryleagues.co.uk

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Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON February 6 the Edmondes Lion/Edmondes C) Arms hosted the opening rounds of the Commemorative Cup competition.

In all, nine darts matches were completed. Only one of the quarter-finals games was played, in which a team of players from the Victoria Inn -Katie George, Jake Warren and Tom Gibbs-Murray – were victorious.

They defeated a team of players om the Red Lion Inn and from

Highwayman Inn: Jean Curnow, Andy Kirby and Neal Curnow 2-0. The line-up for the other three quarter-finals matches is as follows: Allyson Thompson, Gerry Austin and Mike Newble (Llanharry) versus Caroline Lewis, Tim Lewis and Ryan Gratton (Six Bells Inn).

Maureen Fleming, Rob Jones and Nigel Thomas (Farmers Arms) versus Hilarie Coles, Tony Denscombe and Phil Denscombe (Red

Finally, Sally McCaver, Rob McCaver and John Izzard (Hairy LE Farmers) versus Pat Bowgen, Cenydd Thomas and Noyle Burt (Red

These matches, along with the semi finals and final, will be played on Tuesday, February 27 at the Six Bells

Present league standings after 12 weeks are: Edmondes B (77 points), Llanharry (75), Highwayman Inn (67), Six Bells Inn (66), Hairy Farmers and Edmondes C (60), Edmondes A (54), Victoria Inn (46), Farmers Arms (42), One Town Hall Square (22) and Red

Lion Inn (10).

Next week, February 20 a full programme of league matches is scheduled. The Red Lion Inn hosts the Farmers Arms, the Victoria Inn hosts the Farmers Arms, the Victoria Inn hosts the Edmondes A, Llanharry hosts the One Town Hall Square, the Edmondes B hosts the Six Bells Inn and the Hairy Farmers hosts the Edmondes C. The

Highwayman Inn have a bye.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-todate information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

Barry Chess Club dreaded bottom spot. managed to add a further 2.5 points to their tally this week.

However not wishing to be repetitive, these points were earned from two matches played so for the third consecutive week it is two matches and two defeats for us.

In Division 2 the Camelots played at ome to the Caerphilly Castles. In the reverse fixture we picked up 1.5 points including a draw by Tom Cooke.

In this fixture the same thing happened. This time the extra point was earned by Mark Cooke.

The Caerphilly side currently top the division on 32.5 points while the Camelots sit in sixth place with 24.5 A surprisingly heavy defeat for the Penarth Pirates means that they are

now entering the relegation fight as We are four points above the Cardiff Crowns, who have a game in hand. Penarth are an extra 0.5 points behind but have two games in hand.

The Camelots future will be decided with their matches against Penarth in round 14 and the Crowns in the final match of the season.

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In Division 4 the Barry Gambits have been fighting all season with the http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

This week we played the Zebras at home. With the exception of board 1, where they turned up with a strong player, the other boards were all relatively evenly matched.

Ken Curry and Ray Denver earned draws but that was all we earned. With the other three boards being lost the match score ended 4-1 in favour of the Zehras

There are still three games in the regular season but the Gambits are 4.5 points adrift although we do have one match in hand. The wooden spoon is looming.

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MORRIS

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Angela will be missed more than words can
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The funeral will take place on Monday, 19 February

The tuneral will take place on Monday, 19 February 2018 at 9.30am at the chapel at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, followed by a further service for family and close friends at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to Cancer Research Wales to be collected at the service.

The family would like to thank all of Angela's friends for the messages of love and support and for sharing the wonderful memories they have of Angela.

JONES Kevyn Paul

Peacefully on 11 February in the presence of his daughters Sharon and Lisa at Holme Tower, Penarth. Kevyn Paul, aged 75 years, of Marine Drive Barry. Beloved husband of the late Patricia Anne, dearly loved father of Sharon and Lisa, father-in-law of Gerraint. Cherished grandfather of Ross, Sophie, Jessica and Katie. Dear brother of the late Anthony.

Kevyn will be dearly missed by all his family and friends.

To be received in to St Helen's Roman Catholic Church Barry on Tuesday, 27 February at 4pm, Requiem Mass Wednesday, 28 February at 10.45am followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only. If desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth.

BARKER

David John

Dumfries, February 7, 2018.

Cardiff City/South Wales Police. Any donations to the RNLI, please.

JOHN Ivor Dillwyn

Peacefully, at home on Sunday, February 4, 2018, Ivor, formerly of Lower Stockland Farm. Beloved husband of Margaret, loving father of Sally and Rachel, and dear brother to Nancy. Will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral Monday, February 19, service at Trehill Chapel, St Nicholas at 2pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium,

Bridgend at 3.15pm.
Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for RNIB and RABI (Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution) c/o W.H. Preene & Son, Mwyndy, Pontyclun, CF72 8PN. Tel: 01443 223368.

Acknowledgements

PARSONS David

Cheryl and family wish to thank everyone for the cards and kind thoughts received after the loss of David.

We would also like to thank all who attended his funeral to celebrate his life, strength and courage.

Special thanks to Cowbridge RFC Youth section, Dr Tom Cleland and Nicola, Mel and Craig from Right At Home who made Dave laugh up until the end.

BERTORELLI

Margaret (née Thomas)

Passed away on Sunday, 28th January 2018 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Margaret of Oaklands Drive, Bridgend. Beloved wife of the late Frank, loving mother of Marice, Elisa and Louise and grandmother of Thomas.

Funeral Wednesday, 21st February 2018 at St David's Church, Laleston at 10.45am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 12 noon Family flowers only by request. Donations in lieu, if desired, to The Donkey Sanctuary or The Malarchi Pooncholai Trust, both care of Pen-y-Bont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend.
Tel. (01656) 650831.

COELHO Anthony 'Tony'

Peacefully, at home on January 30, Tony, beloved husband of the late Ann, a cherished and much loved dad, grampy and great grampy. Tony will be greatly missed by all

Tony will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his Requiem Mass at St Joseph's RC Church, Penarth on Thursday, February 22 at 10.45am. Afterwards, Tony will be laid to rest at Penarth Cemetery.

Family floral tributes only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Ty Hafan Childrens Hospice in memory of Tony.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis 01446 407962.

AVAIENT

Cynthia (née Kerslake)

Sadly on February 4th, 2018

Dearly loved sister, sister-in-law and aunty.

With tender love

And deep regret

We who love you

will never forget

Remembrance is a golden chain that links us until we meet again.

RIP Cynth.

TAYLOR Reverend Brian

Val, Steve, John, Rachel and Daniel would like to thank family, friends and parishioners who attended Brian's Requiem Mass at All Saints Church and for the cards and donations made to Marie Curie Hospice in memory of Brian.

Special thanks to all of the clergy, organist James and the choir.

Also many thanks to A.G. Adams Funeralcare for their support at this sad time.

In Memory

HERMAN

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Remembering you with a smile Ed, loved and missed Mum, Dad, Natts, Amelia and Annie xxx

WELLS Graham

16 February 1937 – 26 September 2009

It's your birthday today, and I miss celebrating with you darling,

I think of you everyday, I miss you so much and always will.

With love from Glo xxxxx

WHITE

Week to

Selina

(15.02.1978)

Forty years have passed since you were aken from us Mam, and never a day passes without thinking what a wonderful mother you were.

Sadly missed always,

your loving son Barry and daughter-in-law Jean

Birthday



Anniversary

* Happy Silver * Wedding Anniversary



Lots of love, Charly, Jess, Lily, Mum and Dad Emeny, Lita, Dewain and family xxx



Thank You

THANK YOU

Jenn and Geoff Herman would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts received on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

A special thanks to Natts, Amelia, Annie and their helpers for the surprise party.

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Porthcawl Sea Cadets celebrate 75 years with a grand reunion

TO celebrate years of service, Porthcawl Sea Cadets are holding a reunion for past and present cadets, staff and supporters.

The event, Saturday, February will also give people the opportunity to say goodbye to the unit's longstanding home – TS St David – as the cadets prepare to move into a transitional building on Cosy Corner, prior to settling into their permanent home in Porthcawl Maritime Maritime Centre.

Porthcawl Sea Cadets was rescued from sea. Forthcawl Sea Cadets was formed seventy-five years ago when the corps met at TS Seaflower – a wooden hut beside Porthcawl Harbour.

Membership of over one fixed heating, or hot water and hundred was common and Sea Cadets played an important part in local, often more deprived, children's lives.

Chairman Mike Clarke said:

The corps then relocated to a years, the unit is thriving 'temporary' concrete section healthy membership and n building on the Eastern successes in training building on the Eastern Breakwater, which had been built during the Second World War for



A Porthcawl Sea Cadets archive picture.

Unfortunately a gale "Despite meeting in what was to demolished the TS Seaflower unit. be a temporary building for many years, the unit is thriving with healthy membership and notable

competition. mike.clarke22 "There is an opportunity for the 07957 456651. unit to be permanently housed in

use as a triaging point for airmen The Maritime Centre which is to be constructed adjacent to the Local volunteers rallied to the harbour, where cadets will finally cause and a store extension was have the facilities they have added, and the unit renamed TS St needed for so long. We hope to see David. That unit did not have cadets old and new at the reunion. to share memories and look to the future of the unit together.

The unit building will open from 3pm to 5pm, for visitors to tour the building one last time, culminating in a buffet reunion at the Hi Tide Inn from 6pm

To attend, please RSVP to rachde@hotmail.co.uk mike.clarke220@gmail.com or

'Big Welsh Walk' planned

HUNDREDS people took on the rewarded.

Walk "Not only will you be "Not only will you be" challenge last year and conquered the landscapes Ceredigion.

popular Ramblers Back by demand, Cymru are encouraging people to step up for the

challenge this June. Starting in Devil's Bridge, Ceredigion, on Saturday, June 2 there are four walks to choose from, ranging from six to 20 miles. Each route will give walkers the chance experience stunning landscapes, highlighting breathtaking scenery along the way. Ramblers Cym

Cymru director Angela Charlton said: "Our Big Welsh Walk has something to challenge everyone. Whether you're new to walking and want to take on the six mile challenge, while enioving stunning surroundings, or an experienced rambler racing to be the first person across the finish line on the 20 mile

route. a c c o m m
"We've devised four restaurants different walks taking attractions. people through open moorlands, along valley Mountains – so your gWelshWalk

of efforts are sure to be

challenging yourself to reach new heights, you'll also be helping to raise funds to ensure incredible paths like these are well maintained for everyone to enjoy.

The Big Welsh Walk is supported by players of People's Postcode People's Postcode Lottery to help everyone, everywhere

walking.

The Big Welsh Walk costs £20 to enter. The money raised will go towards Cymru's Ramblers charitable efforts to maintain paths across Wales.

Volunteer throughout the nation work to help maintain and improve paths each week so everyone can enjoy a walk in Wales, whether that's to the local shops or to the top of a mountain.

entering. participants will receive a Big Welsh Walk T-shirt, medal and can also enjoy discounted deals at selected local businesses, including accommodation

moorlands, along valley information about the gorges and glaciated Big Welsh Walk or to valleys and climbing register, visit high into the Cambrian www.ramblers.org.uk/Bi

In the picture at local photographic club

PYLE & Porthcawl Photographic Society held its annual 'Club Competition Two', which is split into two sections. prints and digital images, with trophy for each.

Members were allowed two entries into each section.

Rob Greenhill from Treherbert judged both competitions, and not only awarded the points, but also provided an excellent critique on each image.

The winner of the Print Trophy was Geoff Baker with 'Rest Bay Sunset'

The winner of the Digital Trophy Jones David with 'Steamy Window'

A club spokesman said: "Congratulations to both Geoff and David for winning the competitions and a big thank you to all participants for making it such an interesting and entertaining evening.

"We welcome new members of all ages and skill levels, so if you have an interest in photography why not come along and join us on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at St Clare's School, Newton.

"Our programme is available at www.pyleporthcawl-ps.co.uk"



Rest Bay Sunset by Geoff Baker won the Print Trophy.

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Vigintennial year marked at church with a concert

Mary's Road. filled was capacity for special given by Rock Choir and their guest choir. Cor Tadau Trisant, to commence a year of celebrations for the 20th anniversary of the building of the new church.

And what a special vening it was.

Led by ccomplished musician, Stephanie Bailey, Rock Choir opened the first Tim McGrath. This was followed by

'History' led by soloists Rhian and Sian Hills. Rock Choir then delivered their seminal 'Don't Stop Believin'', 'Halo' and then the up-beat 'Uptown Girl', which had the audience singing along before joining in fully to sing to make way for Cor 'very uplifting'. Tadau Trisant.

ON January 26, St They showed us their Catholic range with 'You Raise Church on Ewenny Me Up' which held the Bridgend, audience in thrall before to some light-hearted a numbers including 'I'm concert the King of the Swingers' (aka 'I Wanna be Like You') to take us to the interval.

Rock Choir opened the second part of the evening with 'You're The Voice' followed by 'Hallelujah' and then 'Love is on the Way' led by soloist Tracey Vesey, before the audience again joined in with a rousing 'Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer'

During this, 100 members of Rock Choir part with 'A Little Respect' and were welcomed, with their special guests, by Father Trisant, which sang some jaunty and very entertaining numbers for their second guest slot.

> Rock Choir again took the stage for 'Mary's Prayer' and 'Walking On Broken Glass', the latter led by soloist Lynne Lewis.

The evening was variously described by audience members as 'Calon Lân' as Rock audience members as Choir moved off-stage they left as 'superb' and

Local golfer aims to lead team to victory



A 15-year-old golfer from Llantrithyd, near Cowbridge, will be one of a team of six who will be hoping to lift the Home Nations Inter-Club Championship which will take place next month at the Morgado Golf Club in Portugal between March 6-12.

Barry schoolboy Ceri Vaughn Jones will captain the Radyr Golf Club junior team who are representing Wales against several teams from England and

Scotland in a bid to become the UK's top junior team.

Seven-handicap Ceri has already achieved considerable success both at club and county level and is optimistic about his team's chances

optimistic about his team's chances after overcoming strong opposition against other Welsh teams to qualify for the final in Portugal.

His coach, John Hastings, who teaches at St Andrew's Major Golf Club, is also quietly confident that Ceri, who has represented Glamorgan at under-14 and under-16 level can, along with his teammates, lift the Nigel Dolton Trophy, in an event which will also

be televised on Sky Sports.

"Apart from being a very gifted golfer, one of Ceri" strengths is his ability to handle pressure and I'm sure

he will not be fazed by such a big occasion," said John.

Ceri, along with his teammates, will be proud ambassadors for Wales and will be giving it their all in trying to bring back the coveted trophy.

${f C}$ joins forces with Welsh Netba $\overline{f ll}$

Cardiff and Vale College is working with combines Welsh Netball to develop the sport in development with the college's expanding portfolio Wales.

Welsh Netball will work with the College Netball Academy and its head of netball, Welsh international Kyra Jones, to help players as they progress along the sport's pathway. It also hoped that the partnership will attract more international students to the college.

There will be regular opportunities for Welsh Netball coaching staff to work with CAVC staff and players, and collaborative working with the Wales players will study at college." under-17 and under-21 coaches.

Welsh Netball's head of performance, Rosie Pretorius, will assist the academy in developing its programme of coaching, strength and conditioning and performance analysis

first-class coaching of courses

Rosie Pretorius said: "Getting that mix between education and sport is really important because netball currently isn't a professional sport, so you do need to have that education background and platform

CAVC head of netball Kyra Jones said: "This is a great opportunity for our Netball Academy players. "We are also hoping that more international

CAVC head of sport, tourism and public services James Young said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for CAVC and especially the sports department. Being the first college to partner with Welsh Netball shows the support and confidence that Welsh Netball Open to all students, the CAVC Netball Academy has in our programme and our vision for the future.



Left to right: Welsh Netball Head of Performance Rosie Pretorius, CAVC Head of Netball Kyra Jones and CAVC head of Sport, Tourism and Public Services James Young.

Glamorgan trio sign new one-year contracts

Young Glamorgan players Connor against Kent at Canterbury helped Glamorgan to Brown, Jack Murphy and Tom Cullen victory. have all signed new one-year deals with the Welsh county.

Murphy and Brown have both come through the Glamorgan Academy, while Cullen, played for Cardiff MCCU while studying at Cardiff Metropolitan University.

All three players made their County Championship debuts in 2017 following strong performances for Glamorgan's second XI.

A wicket-keeper batsman, Cullen trained with the

first team squad last winter and was rewarded with a Glamorgan development contract midway through the season until the end of the campaign after "Tom did a good job covering for Chris Cooke" the season until the end of the campaign after making his first team debut at Chester-le-Street in

June when Chris Cooke was injured.

Caerphilly-born batsman Connor Brown impressed after opening the batting in Glamorgan's final two County Championship matches of the

Former Glamorgan Academy player of the year Jack Murphy is the only one of the three to have previously signed a professional contract and, after his making his List A debut last season, made his first-class bow at Colwyn Bay against Sussex, before going on to play a further three matches in the

"All three players have shown progress over the past 12 months," said Glamorgan chief executive and director of cricket Hugh Morris.

"They all performed well under Steve Watkin in the second XI and deserved their opportunity to play

behind the stumps when called upon, while Connor and Jack played important innings in our win against Brown Kent in the final match of last season.

"With these young players coming through into the first team, as well as the likes of Aneurin Donald, Lukas Carey and Kiran Carlson - who has also recently signed a new contract with Glamorgan – we The 20-year-old scored 35 on debut against recently signed a new contract with Glamorgan – we Gloucestershire before an important 96-run have an exciting group of young players at the club, partnership with Nick Selman in the second innings which bodes well for the future."

Conor's fourth win

Brace chalked up his aboard this season.

fourth win of the There was more season when landing success when Br the Dodson & Horrell Point-To-Point Maiden race on Owners Association Robert Club race on his trained Charlie Breekie.

grandfather David The south Wales and grandfather David Brace's

Corbett last Sunday. Vaughan at Aberthin, from the Vale was well-backed at 6-4 expected to take part. and was winning for the

There was more local success when Bradley Gibbs took the Open Llewellvn-

William Monmouthshire season the gets underway on and Sunday with the Curre Albrighton and Sunday with the Curre Woodland Point-To-Point at Chaddesley Steeplechases at Howick near Chepstow (first race William Money, who 12 noon) and a number used to be trained by Tim of horses and riders Vale are

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It was a wet Saturday morning but the clubs spirits were high and eager to begin. The first day produced some outstanding persone

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Quality encounter deserves to be remembered for more than the TMO row Report by Philip Irwin



suspect that every Welsh reporter tasked with writing about the Twickenham game had a similar headline and intro planned.

The headline would be something along the lines of Fast Eddie is too clever by half.
Then it would continue: Eddie Jones' attempt to

psych out fly-half Rhys Patchell blew up in his face as the Scarlets No10 had an outstanding game as

Wales upset the English apple cart.
Sadly, from the Welsh point of view, it didn't pan out that way. That's not to say that it went to plan for Eddie, either. Patchell didn't have the storming game he had the previous week against Scotland, but that was to be expected against a fierce English defensive unit.

He came out of the game with credit, but he wasn't the master play-maker either. It's not always what you do that matters, it's how it turns out,

A good example came in the 20th minute. Wales were trailing 12-0 but were on the attack in the England 22, when referee Jerome Garces gave Wales a penalty advantage. This gave Patchell a free shot and his clever chip into the corner was kneed over the line by Steff Evans and then it was a race to ground the ball between Gareth Anscombe and Anthony Watson.

The footage has been watched a hundred times now by most viewers, and it is surprising to see the number of English pundits who thought Anscombe got the vital touch.

The opinion that counted, of course, was that of New Zealand TMO Glenn Newman, who will now become an unforgettable villain in Welsh rugby folk lore - alongside Max Boyce's blind Irish

Actually, I had forgotten the name of that Irish referee, so perhaps there is hope for Glenn Newman. (To save GEM readers from having to Google him, it was John West!)

The point of all this, of course, is that a 'yes' from the TMO would have taken all the pressure off Patchell, and things could have worked out

As it was, he was replaced on 56 minutes, with Anscombe moving to fly-half, George North taking the right wing spot, and Josh Adams moving to full

back. Anscombe and North both made a case for

starting in the next game.

Even though the game is likely to be remembered for the TMO decision, it didn't decide it. A try would have needed to be converted from the corner, and Patchell kicked the three point penalty, so we are talking about a two or four point differential, early in the game on the 20-minute

In terms of conclusive moments, it falls a long way short of Johnny Sexton's drop goal in Paris. Personally, I would be happy for this game to be remembered for Sam Underhill's tackle. He looks a rather cartoonish figure, with huge biceps like Popeye after his spinach, but he is fast and smart

His sprint to the corner to chase down Scott Williams was breath-taking, and the strength in his right arm that enabled him to drag the aquaplaning Wales centre into touch with him was quite

Clive Woodward called it "a try 99 times out of 100" – which was a touch more generous than Jonathan Davies' comment that Williams should have given an inside pass to George North!

So, having talked about the big talking points, So, naving tanked about the big tanking points, let's make a belated start at the very beginning. Wales enjoyed a very positive first three minutes after Anthony Watson fielded the opening kick off and obligingly spilled it in contact.

However, England scored from their first attack

and it came from one area of the game where England would be dominant – using the high ball. Danny Care put up a kick, and Patchell and Watson went up for it. However, Watson didn't try to catch it, going for the knock back instead and it worked perfectly.

The result was that it went quickly out to Owen Farrell – the player Wales most wanted to keep out of the game, and he instantaneously assessed the situation, spotted Wales right wing Josh Adams out of position and sent an almost-perfect kick to the

Perfect would have been six inches over the try line, so six inches short was pretty damn good, and

Jonny May gathered it cleanly and slid over.
Farrell missed the conversion but 10 minutes later he was the creator again. England were



Gareth Anscombe enhanced his reputation.

pressing hard close to the Welsh line and he nearly made the line himself. When the ball was recycled he was back on his feet to demonstrate his coolness, his passing ability and his toughness

As he sent a long pass out to Joe Launchbury, he knew he was opening himself up to a hit, and a Welsh defender totally wiped him out (I've looked a few times but haven't seen an angle that identified the Welsh tackler, although it felt like a

Moriarty hit).

It mattered not, because by the time Launchbury had off-loaded inside for the prowling May to go over for his second, Farrell was back on his feet to kick the conversion.

It says much about Wales that they didn't let that early 12–0 deficit panic them. The rain and greasy ball obviously inhibited the new Welsh off-loading style, but the team still managed some remarkable handling over the course of the 80 minutes.

At the end of the game, the possession and territory stats showed things to be pretty equal. Certainly, Wales probably had the better of the line-out – often an area of weakness – and the scrum was also solid. You get the feeling that Wales can compete with any side, and we have also, as a result of the string of injuries we have suffered, realised that we have more depth than we thought In the back row, Shingler and Navidi looked a

more effective pair than Robshaw and Lawes, while Moriarty kept the pacy Simmonds quiet, until the England No 8 went off injured, to be replaced by

Shingler, in particular, had the crowd gasping with a 40-yard break when, presumably, he lost contact with the supporting Gareth Davies and kicked ahead, when retaining possession might have been better. Unsurprisingly, it was Ower Farrell who was back to regain possession for

England.

Looking back at my notes, I'm a touch surprised by the apparent equality of the possession game. Too often, the phrase 'five minutes of heavy England pressure' appears.

It felt like a game that Wales could have won, but it was a game, on reflection, that England deserved to win.



Aaron Shingler impressed once again.

Man of the match went to Mike Brown, aided and abetted by the Welsh kick and chase, which far too frequently failed to get anyone close to the England full back as he took a succession of good catches.

Brown's hard to like on the rugby field, always snapping and snarling and I can't say he deserved the man of the match award - Launchbury or

Farrell would have been far better choices. So, Eddie Jones got the result he wanted, but just why did he raise the temperature by putting the spotlight on Patchell? Why did he come up with attack on Alun Wyn Jones, claiming the Welsh

captain "disrespected" referees?

My view is that he felt Gatland was winning the mind games. The Welsh coach scored a point with his casual remark that "England will play the same team with Jonathan Joseph coming in at outside

I can't help feeling that Eddie doesn't like to be thought predictable, and hence went looking for something to throw back at Wales. The mind games are usually fun, but this time I think they went too

In fact, to judge by his mood after the game, you would think Eddie had lost, as he railed at "the media" for being constant critics of Mike Brown. How many weeks or months have to pass, I

wonder, for distinguished former players and coaches to move from being rugby legends to just part of 'the media'?

part of the media? It is still a fascinating Six Nations, and it is going to be a big Saturday on February 24, when Wales go to Dublin and England go to Scotland.

Over the next two weeks, the Scots will be

working themselves into a frenzy before they take on the old enemy while, hopefully, Eddie will be

regaining his normal good spirits!

One final point. I'm sure we all hope that Sam Warburton's sabbatical year puts all those aching joints back in tip top condition, but when the time does come to hang up his boots, he has proved he is a natural as an analyst.

Which means, of course, that he will be a member of the dreaded 'media'.



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